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Goulding in Syria for Mideast talks

DAMASCUS (R) — U.N. envoy Marrak Goulding arrived from Beirut Wednesday in discuss Middle East peace efforts with Syrian officials. The official Syrian Arab News Agency (SANA) said he met Foreign Minister Farouq Al Sharaa soon after his arrival and was due in have talks with Vice-President Abdul Halim Khaddam. It said talks between Goulding, U.N. assistant secretary general, and Sharaa focussed on international moves to achieve peace in the region and on the Palestinian uprising in the Israeli-occupied territories. Diplomas said the U.N. euvoy was expected to seek Syria's belp in gaining freedom for two Scandinavian U.N. relief workers kidnapped in South Lebanon on Feb. 5. Goulding will also visualized and Feynt and possibly Israel and the occupied territories. Jordan and Egypt and possibly Israel and the occupied territories.

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Qatari emir receives thers of the **Prince Mohammad**

DOHA (Petra) — The emir of Qatar, Sheikh Khalifa Ihn Hamad - Al Thani, met here Wednesday with His Royal High-ness Prince Mohammad. Prince as that they Mohammad, who arrived here been told Tuesday, conveyed the greetings and best wishes of His Majesty of acon in King Hussein to the Qatari emir and people. During the meeting Sheikh Khalifa praised Jordan's defforts during the Arab summit held in Amman in November and the positive ontcome of the

Abbas leaves

AMMAN (Petra) - Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Executive Committee member Mahmoud Abbas left Amman Wednesday at the end of a visit during which he held talks with Prime Minister Zaid Rifai on Middle East developments, the uprising in the occupied Arab territories and contacts related to this uprising being made on the regional and international levels.

Mubarak sends message to Iraq

BAGHDAD (AP) — Egypt's Foreign Minister Esmat Abdul . I . w cresh 10 m Megnid flew in Wednesday car-77,127 rying a message to Iraqi President 1004000 Saddam Hussein, Abdul Meguid told reporters the letter from Egyptian President Hosni Mnbarak deals with "bilateral relations and the Middle East situation," hut would not elaborate.

Indges inspegt Taba beach

in arbitration of the Taba border dispute between Israel and Egypt beach for the first time Wednesday, officials in Cairo said. The five judges — three European neutrals, one Israeli and one Egyptian — spent about four hours studying contested boundary markers at the 250-acre beach resort at the head of the Gulf of

Bahrain-Qatar dispute goes to int'l court

DOHA (R) — Bahrain and Qatar have taken steps to submit their dispute nver a cluster of Gulf islands to the International Court of Justice in the Hague, the emir of Qatar was quoted as saying Wednesday. Saudi Arabia last December said the two sides had agreed to take the dispute to The Hague and the emir, Sheikh Khalifa Ibn Hamad Al Thani, said that Qatar and Bahrain were committed to Riyadh's proposal and would abide by the court's decision. Doha and Bahrain "took actual legal measures" to submit the issue to the International Court, the emir told the Lebanese magazine Al Hawadeth in an interview.

Morocco puts alleged spies on trial

RABAT (R) — Three Moroccan diplomats and a doctor have gone on trial before a Rabat military tribunal accused of spying for the Soviet Union, defence lawyers said Wednesday. Morocco's first espionage trial since independence in 1956 is being held in camera.

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1 more Arab killed, 6 shot and wounded in continuing revolt

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) — Israeli soldiers shot and killed one Palestinian and wounded at least six others Wednesday as Arabs escalated anti-occupation protests in the West Bank and Gaza and senior Israeli officials accepted in public that the events in the occupied territories were indeed a popular uprising.

The latest fatality happened abdomen. The other casualties after troops opened fire in the village of Shuyukh, near Hebron,

The incident started early a military spokesman said. The dead man was identified as 19year-old Ismail Hussein Mohammad Halaykah.

The spokesman said a group of 150 Arab protesters attacked soldiers who were trying to clear stones from a road with a bulldoz-er. The soldiers fired at the demonstrators' legs, he said.

But a doctor at Jerusalem's Makassed hospital said the dead man was killed by a hullet in his lnng, and two other penple underwent operations for gunshot wounds in the mouth and

Wednesday morning when the army imposed a curfew on the village of Sa'ir, arresting 15 "inciters." Five women were wounded trying to stop soldiers from making the arrests, he said. The officer said other villagers

went to nearby Shuynkh to warn residents the army was on its way. By the time the soldiers arrived, a crowd had gathered. They hurled rocks at the soldiers, and troops responded by npening fire.

One of the wounded, Khaled Abu Rumei, told the Associated

soldiers had entered Shuyukh at about 5 a.m. tn round up suspected protesters.

They started breaking into houses and taking people away," said Rumei's mother, who would not give her first name. She said soldiers clubbed her when she tried to stop them from detaining

one of her sons. The army declared the village a closed military area, and soldiers turned back reporters who went to the scene in early afternoon. A local Palestinian, Ali She-

hadeh Halaykah, said young men arrested in an overnight raid in Sa'ir escaped and fled tn Shuyukh. The army burst into houses looking for them while a crowd gathered on the street and clashed with the soldiers. Later, as relatives waited anx-

iously outside the Alia hospital in Hebron, Arabs pelted an army jeep with stones and the soldiers replied with tear-gas, an eyewitness said. In annther protest at the

Shuafat refugee camp north nf

(Continued on page 4) Press from his hospital bed that

official of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) said Wednesday that the planned re-turn voyage to Palestine of 106 expelled Palestinians had been

"To halt this peaceful mission Israel has damaged the ship on which we had planned to embark by the docks in Cyprus on the day we were to start the voyage," Palestine National Council (PNC) Speaker Sheikh Abdul Hamid Al Sayeh told a news conference.

He said the voyage of the "ship of return," crippled by an under-water explosion at Limassol, would go ahead at a later unspeci-

Informed sources told the Jor-dan Times the PLO had to postpone the voyage at the last minute when the Greek owner of a newlyrented vessel changed his mind

Wednesday morning.
The sources said that the deportees, observers and journalists were supposed to be transported to Pireaus at six p.m. Wednesday evening, but the owner retreated "as a result of a death threats he received from the Israeli intelli-

According to the sources, Israel

BEIRUT (Agencies) — Kidnap-pers of two Scandinavian U.N. relief workers said Wednesday

the two were involved with an

intelligence service of a foreign country and would only be re-

A hand-written statement said

Swede Jan Stening, 44, and

Norwegian William Joergensen, 57, would only be released "after

they are proven innocent from

that Swede Stening and Norwe-

guan Joergensen are involved with the intelligence service of one of

the foreign countries and this is

becoming clear through inter-rogation with them," it said.

The unnamed and undated

statement, delivered to an inter-

national news agency in Beirut,

carried the purported fingerprints

and signatures of the two hos-

In Oslo, Norwegian Foreign

Ministry spokesman Per Panst

denied that Joergensen was in-

volved in any intelligence work.

any foundation," he said. "As it

is impossible to establish the au-

thenticity of the letter, there is no

further basis for comment."

"Such speculation... is without

leased if proven innocent.

charges against them."

ATHENS (Agencies) - A senior the PLO's efforts to rent a new vessel after the Sol Phryne was

> "Suddenly there were many bids to buy and rent Greek ves-sels," said a Palestinian official,

"Every time we approached a shipowner he would be contacted with others who would offer more than the PLO bid," he said. "We have every reason to believe that Israel was behind these moves."

The officials said that unidentified men believed to be Israeli agents were collecting information and details on negotiations between shipowners and the PLO and use it to threat the owners or to offer money to stop the contract

The PLO tried over the last two days to spread false rumours about the point of the ship's departure, officials revealed.

The mnst widely-spread rumour which was supposedly in-tended to mislead the Israelis was that the PLO was going to move all of its guests to Yugoslavia. But as the last negotiation foundered the PLO decided to postpone the voyage.
Najjah Suleiman, PLO execu-

napped by masked gunmen Feb. 5 near the South Lebanese town

The kidnappers said in a state-

The Arabic in that message was

similar to Wednesday's statement

and it also bore the purported

signatures and fingerprints of the

not aiming at inflicting any harm

on our steadfast people and we

appreciate the services of UN-

RWA and call upon them to be

patient until the time comes for

us to reveal all the information,"

in Lebanon. It has said the deten-

tion of its workers could threaten

the continuation of its operations

Palestinian officials of different factions have denied links to the

kidnapping and vowed to use

the latest statement said.

We remind everyone we are

ment Saturday they were interro-

gating the two men.

tive member, told Penters that had also resorted to a new cam-paign among shipowners to foil project had achieved its main

Kidnappers accuse U.N.

officials of espionage link

"We announce to everyone men, but no date and the name of

there.

Stening and Joergensen, who force to release the two.

"Because it is not a mere

travelling ship," he said.
"It is a political campaign focused on the ship of the deportees, and even before sailing it and public opinion on the tragedy of the Palestinians who are deported by the Israelis."

Suleiman said the PLO had won the public relations battle against Israel. He added: "We are declaring very clearly

that our mission is peaceful. We have nn arms... the Israelis faced us with bombs."

The obstacles, delays and eco-nomic considerations forced postponement of the voyage, Sulei-man said, adding: "We can deal with the difficulties we have faced in a better situation and in a more economic manner.

Sayeh said: "We wish to declare that none of the obstacles which have confronted us so far will steer us away from achieving in the near future our objectives of our peaceful return to the homeland

The PLO hiames Israel for Monday's bomb attack on the 6.151-ton Sol Phryne at Limassol hours before it was due to be boarded by expelled Palestinians,

(Continued on page 4)

Resistance attacks SLA. kills 7 Works Agency for Palestinian Refugees (UNRWA), were kid-

BEIRUT (Agencies) - Resistance fighters and pro-Israeli militiamen fought a six-hour battle in South Lebanon Wednesday. Police said 17 fighters were killed and four

A police spokesman said the two sides used rockets, mor-tars, and automatic rifles in the clash south of the town of Jezzine, 17 kilometres east of the

port city of Sidon. He added that seven fighters of the Israeli-backed South Lebanon Army (SLA) militia were killed and four wounded when fighters of the pro-Iramian Hizbollah (Party of God) ambushed their patrol at 6 a.m. (9400 GMT) outside Jezzine.
The SLA "sent reinforce-

It was the first indication by the ments to the area and fought a kidnappers that they were six-hour battle killing 10 UNRWA provides aid to more attackers," said the than 280,000 Palestinian refugees

He added that after the killing of its fighters, Hizbollah pounded the battle scene, three diometres southeast of Jezzine, with mortar fire. It later recovered the bodies of six of its

King sends message to Iraqi president Iraqi News Agency on "the proc-rastination by some parties in implementing sanctions against Iran" as called fur by U.N. Secur-

AMMAN (Petra) — Prime Minister Zaid Rifai Wednesday paid a brief working visit to Iraq during which he delivered a mes-sage from His Majesty King Hus-sein to Iraqi President Saddam Hussein on the latest developments in the region, current political moves in the region, as well as the outcome of the King's recent thur of European countries and talks with the European Community (EC) foreign minis-

Rifai and the Iraqi president also discussed relations between Jordan and Iraq and latest developments in the region.

The meeting was attended by Iraqi First Deputy Prime Minister Taha Yasin Ramadan, Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Tareo Aziz and Jordan's ambassador in Baghdad.

KING HUSSEIN BRIDGE

(Agencies) — British opposition Labour Party leader Neil Kin-

nock began a four-day visit to the

neenpied Arah territories

Wednesday saying he intended to discover what was holding up an

international Middle East peace

reactions and secure details so that I am in better possession of

the facts relating to the interna-

tional conference and what im-

pediment remains to progress to-

wards it," he told reporters on

speed and effectiveness in secur-

ing a new measure that will get

stability in the area is the very

fact that day hy day we hear of

dream of the tragedies, but day

by day the opportunity for ending

these tragedies and day hy day we

"One of the reasons for urging

arrival from Amman.

"My purpose is to find the

conference.



Saddam Hussein

Kinnock arrives in W. Bank,

underlines need for peace

that he also discussed with the president means of supporting the Palestinian uprising in the Rifai told reporters in Baghdad occupied Arah territories. He

them is slipping away," he said.

In Amman, Kinnock was

hriefed by His Royal Highness

Crown Prince Hassan, the Re-

gent, and other leaders about

Jordan's position on a new U.S.

Middle East peace plan.

ists in Amman.

in the occupied areas.



said that he exchanged views with the Iraqi officials on issues of

common concern. In reply to a question by the goals.

ity Council Resolution 598, Rifai emphasised the need for enforcing the resolution in full. He also voiced Jordan's sup-port for adopting another U.N.

Security Council resolution which would impose a han on arms sales

The prime minister said that the Palestinian nprising would continue until the elimination of all reasons which led to the revolt. The uprising, Rifai said, "is a true expression of the Palestinians' rejection of the Israeli occupation.

He also stressed the necessity of supporting the uprising and enable it tn achieve its national

Prime minister confers with Polyakov, restates position

AMMAN (J.T.) - Prime Minister Zaid Rifai conferred Wednesday with Soviet Foreign Ministry Middle East Department Direcpeace in the reginn.

The prime minister reaffirmed "The feeling among Jordanians is that there is enough flexibility Jordan's firm stand and its rejecin the American position for a tion of partial solutions, the Jordan News Agency, Petra, said.

process," Kinnock told journal-Jnrdan, the prime minister While in Jordan, he warned said, "adheres to the idea of an that any delay in starting the international conference which it Middle East peace process could considers as the most ideal forum only result in an alarming escalafor hringing about a lasting settletion of "the Palestinian uproar" ment for the Arab-Israeli conflict," Petra reported.

Kinnock drove directly from Rifai and Polyakov also discusthe hridge to Nahlus, the most sed the Iran-Iraq war and the populated city in the West Bank, prime minister called for implewhere he was to lunch with local mentation of U.N. Security Palestinian leaders at the home of about peace in the Gulf region,

Polyaknv reiterated his country's support for an international conference and expressed Moscow's concern over the Gulf war tnr Vladimir Polyakov on Middle and the Soviet Union's keenness East issues and initiatives for to see peace in the Gulf, Petra

Polyakov left Amman later Wednesday.

An unidentified nfficial was quoted by the Associated Press as saying Polyaknv's talks in Amman were expected to focus on the new American initiative for Arab-Israeli peace.

The official pointed out that the American proposals make no mention of a direct Soviet role in peacemaking efforts, the AP

The official told the AP that "Jordan is having extensive con-

King Hassan calls for

Arab summit

CAIRO (R) — King Hassan nf Morocco called in an interview Wednesday for an Arah summit to be held during the next six weeks to discuss Israeli violence

in the occupied territories. "An urgent Arah summit is needed within one month or six weeks to discuss the Palestinian resistance inside Israel," King Hassan said in remarks published in the weekly Al Mussawar.

"I'm happy at what is happening although there are many martyrs and victims ... it is essential to have martyrs who are called heroes, not terrorists...," he said. King Hassan also urged the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) to take advantage of the current situation and accept U.N. Resolution 242, which calls for a negotiated Middle East set-

tlement.
"This is sincere advice to the PLO ... accept 242, taking advantage of what is happening in the West Bank and Gaza... the situation there is like a baby that needs better circumstances to grow up and get strong," he said.

Al Khaleej newspaper of the
United Arab Emirates Wednesday also called for an urgent Arab summit to consider "all means nf support for the Palestinian re-

Arab panel to meet

A group of Arab foreign ministers charged with coordinating support for the Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories will hold their first meeting in Tunis Saturday, Arah League sources said in Tunis Wednesday.

The group was formed at an emergency Arab League foreign ministers' meeting last month.

The committee comprises Arab League Secretary General Chadli Klibi, the head of the Palestine Liberation Organisation Political Department, and the foreign ministers of Jnrdan, Syria, Algeria, Tunisia, Iraq and Sandi Arabia.

Meanwhile, Klibi had talks in Tunis with a senior Soviet envoy, Mikhail Sytenko, on the Palestinian uprising and proposals for a Middle East peace conference, the sources added.

U.S. says it continues to favour Mideast peace in return for land

WASHINGTON (Agencies) — in Palm Beach, Florida, where of unahated Palestinian protests The White House has reaffirmed both were attending a meeting of in the Israeli-occupied West Bank its support for exchanging terri-tory for peace as part of a Middle East agreement, despite opposi-tion from Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir.

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Presidential spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said Tuesday the United States had made its views known to Israel "in the strongest language possible." He said it was the nnly realistic solution to Middle East conflict.

"Our policy remains territory for peace and recognition of (U.N. Resolutions) 338 and 242," Fitzwater told reporters in Santa Barbara, California, where President Reagan was ending a threeday holiday.

Fitzwater also confirmed that Secretary of State George Shultz, whn has taken the lead in trying to revive Middle East peace efforts, met briefly with a repre-sentative of Shamir last weekend pressure from Middle East lead-ers following nearly three months

of its intermediate range nuclear

arsenal in East Germany, the state-run news agency ADN re-

According to the report, rockets stationed near Neubranden-

burg, north of Berlin, have been

dismantled, crated and are ready

for transport back to the Soviet

ADN did not say when the

East German television late

Tuesday showed soldiers loading missile crates onto transport vehi-

Under a treaty signed in

Washington in December by U.S.

President Ronald Reagan and

Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gor-

bachev, the superpowers agreed

to eliminate the medium-range

The U.S. senate has yet to

West German government offi-

ADN said Soviet soldiers "are

cials Tuesday night declined com-

ratify the treaty.

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rockets would be transported

back to the Soviet Union.

ported Tuesday night.

Soviets begin dismantling

missiles in East Germany

BERLIN (AP) — The Soviet making the last preparations to Umon has begun dismantling part return their SS-I2 rockets" to the

Soviet Union.

kilometres.

agreement.

news agency.

the B'nai B'rith, an AmericanJewish organisation.

The representative, Ehud

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The representative and Gaza Strip.

The United States has advanced a new initiative based no The representative, Ehud Olmert, a member of Shamir's Likud coalition in the Knesset,

later flew to Washington and held talks with Charles Hill, a top the Israeli emhassy in cials.

the Reagan administration committed itself several weeks ago tn making a renewed effort to revive Middle East peace talks. Shultz, in an effort to keep the

momentum going, is due to visit the Middle East himself later this mnnth, It will be his second trip to the region in four months. pressure from Middle East lead

The rockets are shorter-range

weapons included in the in-

termediate range forces (INF)

pact, which hanned weapons with

a range from 500 to 5,500

In Moscow, Gorbachev criti-

cised Britain and other Western

European countries Tuesday for

a lack of enthusiasm for the INF

Gorbachev met with British

Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe, who defended Britain's

nuclear policy at a news confer-

"While generally approving the

INF treaty, the leaders of NATO countries have been acting as

though the situation in Europe

since its signing had only

worsened," Gorbachev said.

according to the official TASS

The Soviet leader also said the

West was dragging its feet at a

conference in Vienna to work out

a format for new talks on conven-

tional forces in Europe.

ence in the Soviet capital.

initial Arab-Israeli talks on limited "autonomy" for the occu-pied territories and then negotiations by December nn their final Shultz aide, said a spokesman for status, according to Israeli offi-

Radin Israel reported that The United States has been Olmert told Hill that Shamir engaged in almost daily talks with would never agree to negotiate a Arah and Israeli officials since final settlement for the occupied territories on the basis of a formula that would force Israel to give up the lands and said if Shultz enntinnes with this approach, the new American initiative would fail.

Fitzwater gave no details of the talks with Olmert. "Secretary Shultz declined to comment... saying that those discussions

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Arafat, Baz hold talks in Cairo

CAIRO (Agencies) — Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat made a surprise visit to Cairo for consultations on the situation in the Israeli-occupied territories, officials said Wednesday.

They said Arafat arrived Tuesday night from Kuwait, held talks with presidential adviser Osama Al Baz then left for Tunis.

It was Arafat's first visit since the PLO and Egypt improved relations last November following a seven-month freeze during which PLO offices in Cairo were ordered shut in retaliation for Palestinian criticism of Egyptian

His visit also comes at a time of increased Arab and American diplomatie activity to revive stal-

led Middle East peace efforts. Earlier Tuesday, Arafat strongly hinted that an anti-violence agreement be had signed in Cairo in 1985 had been nullified following the killings of three PLO officers in Cyprus

U.S. military team to visit Iraq for talks on Gulf war

region came under attack.

not the hig RH-63 mine-hunters.

Enterprise to replace Midway

aircraft carrier Enterprise has re-

placed the smaller aircraft carrier

Midway in the northern Arabian

Sea, giving U.S. forces "greater retaliatory capability" with some

90 navy aircraft compared to 75

on the Midway. He said the United States had

no plans to extend naval protec-

tion to merchant ships which do

not fly the American flag in the

ture... I don't want to slam the

door on anything," he said.

A possible replacement for the

command ship of U.S. forces in

the Gulf entered the waterway

Tuesday accompanied by a fri-

Reporters on a press helicopter

20 miles north of Dubai identified

the vessels as the auxiliary supply

ship Coronado and the missile

amphibious assault craft, was re-

fitted as a command ship in 1980

while the La Salle, the current

U.S. flagship in the Gulf, was

the La Salle, now hased off

Bahrain under the command of

Rear Admiral Harold Bernsen,

may be replaced. U.S. officials were not im-

mediately available to say if its

role would be taken up by the

One of them, the Reuben James, started Tuesday to escort

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The Coronado, originally an

frigate Samuel B. Roberts.

being refurbished.

Coronado.

That could change in the fu-

Armitage also said the nuclear

WASHINGTON (Agencies) — U.S. military officials will travel to Baghdad this week for new talks on preventing accidental Iraqi air attacks against American warships and merchant vessels in the Gulf, the Defence Department said.

"The flights of the Iraqi Bad-gers right hefore the weekend America's ability to strike Iran if gave us a great deal of concern." Assistant Defence Secretary Richard Armitage told reporters Tuesday.

"We will be sending a team there in the next couple of days to review procedures to assure we are all singing from the same nymnal." he said, adding that the leam would prohably be drawn from the U.S. military command in the Gulf.

Armitage met reporters to announce a slight reduction in U.S. naval forces around the Gulf hul said the American policy of protecting 11 Kuwaiti tankers and other U.S. flag ships from attack in the Iran-Iraq war region had not changed.

He said the hattleship Iowa and two escort vessels — the cruiser Ticonderoga and destroyer Deyo

headed home from the northern Arahian Sea over the weekend, cutting the U.S. force

in the region to 25 ships. The helicopter carrier Okinawa and its contingent of mine-hunting helicopters will head home laier this month, he said.

U.S. forces in the Gulf reported last week that an Iraqi Badger bomber had to be warned hy flares from a U.S. destroyer after it flew within 5 kilometres of an American-escorted tanker convoy. The jet reportedly fired at least one missile that fell harmlessly into the sea.

Although the missile apparenty was not fired at the convoy, the incident renewed fears of a repeat of last year's devastating Iraqi missile attack on the U.S. Navy frigate Stark, which killed 37 American seamen.

Iraq said that attack was an accident, an explanation accepted by the United States. similar Perry-class ship to U.S. frigates now protecting U.S.-flag

In discussing the change in U.S. Gulf forces, Armitage cautioned against any speculation on a reduced American commitment in the volatile region.

Private analysts told Reuters

James, started Tuesday to escort
a new convoy of two Kuwaiti

the slight fleet reduction would tankers south from the northern

Gulf emirate to the Strait of Hormuz at the entrance to the

Gulf, shipping sources said. They named the tankers as the 297,739-tonne supertanker Townsend and the 46,723-tonne liquid gas carrier Gas Princess.

U.S. to continue escort

America's ability to strike Iran if The United States will always U.S. forces or shipping in the maintain enough naval units in the Gulf to preserve freedom of Armitage said the Okinawa navigation, the White House asserted Tuesday. will be replaced by a smaller ship carrying attack helicopters, but

Spokesman Marlin Fitzwater declared the administration's policy in the Gulf has not changed, although the time has come "to fine-tune our forces."

Fitzwater, speaking to reporters in Santa Barbara, avoided characterising the level of threat faced by the naval forces of the United States and European allies but acknowledged the "nature" of the threat has changed.

President Reagan is spending

the long Presidents Day weekend at his ranch near Santa Barbara. The ship movement, Fitzwater said. "represents a fine-tuning of our position in the Gulf, and not a policy change that would be reflected in overall forces." Fitzwater noted that the administration has said consistently that its policy is to "have as much military strength as is necessary to

perform the mission." He said the level of that strength "changes from time to time" without affecting the governing policy.

As a step toward bringing the Gulf war to an end, be said, the administration wants to reduce its naval presence in the Gulf. "In the context of our first objective in the Gulf," he said, "which is to end the war there, to hopefully get a diminished threat, then the answer is yes, we want to reduce our forces. Our role is to reduce tensions, to reduce the nature of the threat and hopefully to reduce our military presence there. But I want to say that in such a way that it is clear that our military presence is adequate to the task and we are not taking ships out just to be reducing strength, but we are doing it to reflect the needs. With all that said, we would like to reduce our

U.S. labour federation rebukes Israel

BAL HARBOUR, Florida (AP) - The United States' biggest labour organisation Tuesday condemned Israel for its "use of excessive force" against Palestinian civilians the past two months on the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The condemnation was issued by the 14.3-million-member AFL-CIO labour federation's Executive Council an hour after meeting with Secretary of State George Shultz, who is scheduled to make a week-long visit to the Middle East beginning on Feh. 24 to promote new negotiations on Palestinian self-rule.

While blaming Islamic fun-damentalists for "fuelling the flames of violence in the occupied territories," the AFL-CIO said the Palestinian demonstrations did not warrant the "unnecessary force" used by Israeli army on

"No donbt such incidents can be attributed to the inexperience of the Israeli army in riot control and other police functions, and to the frustrations of Israeli soldiers as they confront young Palesti-nians hurling stones and petrol bombs," the federation said.
"These factors may explain, but they cannot excuse, and the AFL-CIÓ cannot condone, the use of excessive force against civilians."

Rex Hardesty, a spokesman for the labour federation, said it is the first time the AFL-CIO has made any criticism of an Israeli

The annual winter meeting of the Labour leaders here was Shultz' last stop of an extended weekend in southern Florida to gain support from traditional friends of Israel for his effort to soften Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's opposition to entering new peace negotiations.

"There's been so much emphasis on the process... direct negotiations on the one hand, an international conference or some kind of international vehicle on the other... that the discussion has become a little sterile," he told reporters Tuesday. "If we are going to get going, we need to talk a little bit more about the substance; of what wight

Iran sets blunt condition to help French hostages

lease of three Frenchmen held hostage in Lebanon, telling Paris to restore relations with Tehran

before it can expect any help.

The blunt condition was set by Iranian Deputy Prime Minister Alireza Moayeri in an interview with French television Tuesday marking the 1,000th day in captivity for French journalist Jean-Paul Kauffmann.

Two French diplomats have also been held since March 1985. Moayeri said that until France restored relations broken off last July, "no move in favour of the hostages can be made."

Prime Minister Jacques Chirac, after listening to Iran's virtual acknowledgement that it held a key to the hostages' future, responded that France could only restore ties once the three were Chirac's prompt rejection came

in a tense interview on the Antenne-2 network, watched by Kauff-

PARIS (R) — Iran has cold-mann's parents in a link-up with shouldered appeals for the re-the family's Brittany livingroom, where photographs of their son

topped the fireplace. Chirac said he sympathised with the family but begged them to understand that negotiations for the release of the hostages required secrecy.

Paris severed ties with Tehran last summer after the Iranian embassy refused to let a French judge interrogate an Iranian suspected of complicity in a wave of Paris bombings in 1986.

Police besieged each other's legation for months until two French hostages held by pro-Iranian Shi'ites in Lebanon were released in November.

The sieges quickly ended and France later ordered a crackdown on exile Iranian dissidents, in what critics said was clearly a deal with the government of Ayatollah

Pakistan now handles Iran's diplomatic husiness with France Tehran for Paris.

Villagers in Kauffmann's hometown, Corps-Nuds, released hundreds of balloons in an emotional demonstration of hope for his release and marathon athletes ran overnight to Paris to mark his 1,000th day as a hostage.

At the Paris headquarters of UNESCO, the U.N. cultural agency, the heads of journalists' union in France, Britain and the United States appealed for the release of Kauffmann, along with other newsmen held captive, Associated Press correspondent Terry Anderson and British cameraman John McCarthy. UNESCO Chief Federico

Mayor promised to intercede with member states but did not name Iran.

French President Francois Mitterrand, interviewed on television, pledged to continue efforts to free the journalist, whose kidnap has been claimed by the

and Italy provides a channel to pro-Tehran Islamic Jihad group. This is a barbarous act which affects one of our citizens... a man who is being held in practi-cally unsupportable conditions,"

Referring to the families of hostages held in Lebanon, Mitterrand said: "Hang on, believe me nothing will be neglected and nothing is being neglected, but it's really hard, really difficult in

the face of this pitiless act." Politicians from France's left and right gathered in Paris with Kauffmann's wife and two sons. as well as former hostage Roger Augue, released in November.

Kanfimann was with another Frenchman, Michel Senrat, whose "execution" was later announced by Islamic Jihad, but there has been no independent confirmation of his death.

"We always have hope, that's what keeps us alive." Kauff-mann's father Marcel told repor-

Israeli intellectuals call for talks with Palestinians

TEL AVIV (AP) — A group of leading Israeli writers called on the government to withdraw from the occupied territories and conduct direct negotiations with

Palestinian leaders. "I am in favour of a Palestinian state alongside Israel as early as tomorrow morning," author Amos Oz told more than 500 people who gathered Tnesday to protest Israeli policy in the occu-

"I am in favour of a Palestinian state ... because that is the way to life. Other ways lead to death." The Association of Israeli Play-

wrights organised the gathering, which drew widely known actors, singers and poets, including several who had not previously expressed their views publicly on the unrest in the occupied lands. One of them, poet Erez Biton,

said that the uprising in the occupied territories made it clear to him that through 20 years of Israeli occupation the Palestinians had become a nation. "I think this is the first time I'm not too mad at the Palestinians,"

Biton said. "From their point of view, their behaviour is absolutely one of honour." The rebellion, which broke out on Dec. 8, has intensified the controversy among Israelis about

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what to do with the territories occupied during the 1967 Middle East war.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, head of the right-wing Likud Bloc, is against yielding any part of the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip in return for peace. Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, head of the left-leaning Labour

Party, favours compromise. Both Israeli leaders advocate peace talks with Jordan and refuse to negotiate with the Palestine Liberation Organisation

Oz said the Israeli crackdown on Palestinian demonstrators was increasing hatred between Arabs and Israelis. He predicted Israel's occupation would eventually collapse whether the two sides reach agreement or not. Yehoshafat Harkabi, a lecturer

at the Hebrew University, said Israelis and Arabs were beginning to realise they have no choice but to accept one another.

"The Arabs have learned that if the conflict continn s it will become hell for both Israel and the Arah countries," said Harkabi, a former army intelligence chief. Both the Palestimans and the Israelis will suffer because both are in the same boat."

Mahdi: Rebels blocking aid

KHARTOUM, Sudan (AP) — Prime Minister Sadek Al Mahdi has accused southern rebels of "food terrorism," saying that they refused to give safe conduct to a non-governmental organisation offering relief for starving Sudanese in the south.

Answering questions Tuesday in the constituent assembly, the national parliament, Mahdi said the rebel Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) had insisted that the relief aid be distributed through them. He said the rebels wanted to use the aid "for political reasons" and distribute it among rebel supporters only.

Mahdi accused the SPLA of

being a terrorist organisation,

and said it was using food as a weapon against the southern population.

The prime minister said that the Council of Mercy, a Sudanese non-governmental organisation. had been denied safe conduct by the SPLA.

But the council's chairman, Pacifico Lodo Loleik, implicitly denied this. He said that his talks with the rebels in Ethiopia had not failed and that he would be going back to resume negotia-

Mahdi denied charges by parliamentarian Angelo Guang that 24 persons had starved to death in the southern Upper Nile pro-

Libya accuses Habre of preparing for war

Chadian President Hissene Habre Tuesday of preparing for war against it with the support of France and the United States.

The charge echoed Monday's statement by Habre accusing Libya of preparing to attack Chad despite a five-month-old truce over the disputed Aouzon Strip. In reaction, a Libyan Foreign Ministry statement said: Habre

accuses Libya of war preparations

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BEIRUT (R) - Libya accused while he receives military help from France and America. The aim here is clear. He accuses others of what be is doing and planning to do."

> "The aim of Habre's accusations is to prepare for an aggression on Libya with French and American support," said the statement carried by the official Libyan News Agency (JANA), monitored in Beirut.

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TODAY'S EVENTS

EXHIBITIONS

* The French Cultural Centre presents; "L'urbanisme Parisien" (urban policy in Paris) at the Architectural Gallery (until Ed. 100

☆ "A Photographic and Folk Art Exhibition", organised by the Embassy of Democratic People's Republic of Korea, (until Feb. 18) at Royal Cultu-

Art exhibition about the works of German artist Horst Janssen at the Petra Bank Gallery in Wadi Saqra (until Feb. 26).

☆ An exhibition of plastic art by the University of Jordan's staff at the University.

FILMS

☆ "Born Yesterday" at 7:00 p.m. Thursday at the American Centre.

☆ "Secking, Finding, Remembering" (German short film) at 8:00 p.m. Thursday at the Goethe Institute. Film will be followed by discussion with Dr. Klaus Kreimeier.

☆ "Qualcosa di Biondo" (Italian film) at 8:00 p.m. at Thursday at the Royal

CULTURAL CENTRES

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"Children's Heritage and Science Museam," Fun and knowledge for all ages, plus a small planetarium at the Haya Arts Centre. Open all week 9:00 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Closed on Friday.

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tumes over 100 years old. Also mosaics from Madeba and Jerash (4th to 18th centuries). The Roman Theatre, Amman. Opening bours: 9.00 a.m.-5 p.m. Year-round. Tel. 651760.

SERVICE CLUBS

The Amman Lions Club. Meetings every first and third Wednesday at the Regency Palace Hotel, 7:30 p.m. Lions Philadelphia Club. Meetings every second and fourth Wednesday at the Ammon Hotel, 7:30 p.m. Philadelphia Rotary Club. Meetings every Wednesday at the Holiday Inn, 1:30 p.m. Rotary Club. Meetings every Tuesday Meetings every Tuesday Club. Meetings every Tuesday Club. Meetings every Tuesday Rotary Club. Meetings every Tucsday at the Intercontinental Hotel, 2.00 p.m. Royal Antomobile Clab. Jabal Am-man, Eighth Circle. Tel. 816534,

CHURCHES

St. Jeeph Church (Roman Catholic) Jabal Amman, Tel. 624590. Church of the Ammeiation (Roman Catholic) Jabal Loweibdeh, Tel. 637440.

De la Salle Church (Roman Catholic)
Jabal Hussein, Tel. 661757.

Terrassuta Church (Roman Catholic),
Jabal Luweibdeh, mass in Italian language, meet every Saturday at 5:30
p.m. Tel: 622366

Church of the Annunciation (Greek
Orthodox) Abdali, Tel. 623541.

Anglian Church of the Redeemer) Jabal Amman, Tel. 625383,
chaptain's residence tel. 601359.

Armenian Catholic Church Ashrafich,
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St. Ephraim Church (Syrian Orthodox) Ashrafieh, Tel. 771751.

Amman International Church (Interdenominational): meets at Southern Baptist School in Shmeisani, Tel. 677534.
Evangelical Latheran Church (Church of the Good Shepherd) Amman, Arabic Service: Sunday 7 p.m. Rev. N. Smir, tel. 811295.

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WEATHER

Bulletin supplied by the Department of It would be a cloudy, rainy weather in the hilly areas, with westerly freshening wind throughout the day. There will be a slight fall in temperature. In Aqaba, it would be partly cloudy with chances of scattered showers. The winds will be south-westerly and south asset.

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FINNISH MINISTER: Armed Forces Chief of Staff Lieutenant General Fathi Abn Taleb Wednesday met with Finland's Defence Minister Ole Norrback during a stopover he made here Wednesday. Abu Taleb briefed the Finnish minister on Jordan's defence policy and the military situation in the region. Finnish consulate sources in Amman told the Jodan Times that Norrback arrived here earlier Wednesday from the occupied West Bank and later left for Damascus.

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HAJ HASSAN MEETS ENVOY: Minister of Transport and Communications Khaled Haj Hassan Wednesday reviewed with U.S. Ambassador in Amman Roscoe Soddarth bilateral cooperation in transport and telecommunications field, and ways of boosting this cooperation.

TALKS ON AIDS: A meeting called for by Minister of Health Zaid Hamzeh was held Wednesday at the Health Ministry to discuss a World Health Organisation (WHO) recommendation for combatting AIDS, and the resolutions taken by the international conference on AIDS beld in London in January. Hamzeh briefed the meeting on the grave consequences of the disease which, he said, threatened the whole world. He also called for intensified efforts by official and nonofficial institutions to combat the disease. A national Jordanian committee was set up during the meeting to study the human and legal aspects of the disease.

QUIZ TIME: Those seeking thrilling times are in for a mental showdown Friday evening, as a group of intellectuals stage a general knowledge contest. The American University of Beirut (AUB) Alumni Club is organismg the event to be held at 7:00 p.m. at Jordan Intercontinental Hotel in Amman. Participants in the contest will be divided into three five-member groups repre-senting the faculties of engineering, medicine and art and science. AFFORESTATION PROJECT: The Ministry of Agriculture Secretary General, Dr. Salim Al Lawzi, discussed with Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) Regional Director Michel Ekhzami the setting up of a project for mi the setting up of a project for developing afforestation and pas-fine lands in Jordan in coopera-tion with the FAO. The main task of the proposed project will be to draw up plans, conduct resear-ches and train Jordanian personnel in this field. The FAO official expressed the organisation's readiness to belp Jordan in implementing this project. UREIKAT MEETS ENVOY:

Minister of Labour and Social Development Rashid Ureikat Wednesday met with Spanish Ambassador in Amman Ramon Armengod. They discussed Jordanian-Spanish relations and cooperation, especially in labour and social development fields. MORE TREES IN MA'AN: The Ma'an Department of Agricul-ture bas embarked on implementing a plan for planting trees along roads in different parts of Ma'an governorate. The department Director Samir Ghabyni said that apart from the road-sides, the department plans to plant trees on 38,000 dunums of land. At present, he said, his department is distributing saplings of fruit and forest trees to the public at nominal prices.

BEST PAINTING: The Ministry. of Education is organising a com-petition at government schools in Amman area, for producing the best drawing or painting that can depict the current uprising in the occupied Arab territory, and the best essay about that uprising. According to the Amman Director of Educatioo, Abdul Qader Arabiyat, the winning school will be presented with a gift, and an award will go to the studeot or students who produce the best

11 POISONED: Eleven employees from the Tomato processing plant at Deir Allah, in the central Jordan Valley region, were admitted to the government hospital here for treatment from food poisoning. The victims had drunk coffee and soon afterwards felt nausea and dizziness and began vomiting, according to local physicians. They said that the victims might have drunk coffee boiled with water that bad traces of chemical substances. All but two of the victims have been discharged after treatment and an investigation is underway.

FUNDS FOR UPRISING: Members of the contractors union in Karak governorate, will hold a meeting Thursday to discuss means for extending financial help to the people of the occupied Arab territory in view of the current uprising there.

COMMITTEE ELECTED: Zarqa Development Corporation (ZDC) Monday elected a new nine-member administrative committee, headed by Mustafa

HOME BRIEFS Hmoud urges training of agricultural personnel AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of Agriculture Marwan Himoud Minister of most essential factor in any de-

Wednesday called for a joint programme, to be worked out by Egypt and Jordan, for promoting their cooperation in training of personnel employed in agricultu-

Hmoud, who was speaking at a meeting with visiting Egyptian Ministry of Agriculture's Undersecretary Mobammad Fahim, said that Jordan gives priority to development of manpower, agricultural fields.

velopment process.

For this reason, Jordan attaches importance to training buman resources for promoting agricultural production, the minister noted.

He said that the seventh Joint Jordanian-Egyptian Higher Committee meeting gave due consideration to the exchange of expertise between the two countries in

Sudanese team in Amman

AMMAN (Petra) — A delega-tion from the Sudanese Police Department led by Maj.-General Abdullah Abdo arrived bere Wednesday on a five-day visit to Jordan and talks on promoting Jordanian-Sudanese cooperation in security affairs. The delegation will also tour a number of police Nasonh Muhieddin departments and police institutes.

Abdo and his delegation will meet with Public Security De-partment (PSD) Director Lieutenant-General Abdul Hadi Al Majali and other senior police officers. Upon arrival the Sudanese delegation were greeted by PSD Assistant Director Maj.-Gen. Nasouh Muhieddin and other

Masri to hold cooperation talks in Sanaa on Feb. 21

AMMAN (Petra) — The Joint ary 1987. During the meeting, the Jordanian-North Yemeni Higher two sides decided on a number of measures aimed at developing ing in Sanaa between Feb. 21 and bilateral cooperation in a number 23 to discuss mean of promoting of fields. bilateral cooperation in economie, social, cultural, bealth and technical fields, according to an official announcement bere Wednesday.

The announcement said that the two sides will be led by their Foreign Ministers, Taher Al Masri and Abdul Karim Al Iryani, The higher committee was formed following a visit to North Yemen in 1985 by His Majesty King Hussein, and is designed to bolster Jordanian-Yemeni relations

Since its formation, the committee held a series of meetings, the last of which was held in Amman in the middle of Febru-

At present, a Jordanian technical delegation led by the director of the Vocational Training Corporation (VTC), Munther Al Masri, is on a visit to North Yemen to explore areas where skilled Jordanians can be employed, especially in education, engineering and medical services.

The delegation's visit paves the way for a formal agreement to be signed by the two sides before practical steps can be taken.

The technical committee

groups representatives from the Ministries of Education, Health, Finance, Public Works, and Housing and from the Civil Service Commission



GERMAN ARTIST'S EXHIBITION: Works of well-known German artist Horst Janssen are now on display at the Goethe Institute in Amman, Tete Boettger, the owner of works and a close friend of the artist, introduced the 40 works on display. The exhibition runs through Feb. 25. Janssen enjoys an international reputation and is considered to be one of the most important "dessinateurs" of today.

Mountaineers impressed by Wadi Rum peaks

By Nermeen Murad Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — "Jordan has the potential to cater to all types of tourists," the leader of an Italian mountaineers expedition to Jordan said, recalling his strongest impression of the Kingdom at the end of a 25 day visit.

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Paolo Caruso, mstructor at the Italian Mountaineering Club of Latina, told the Jordan Times that the expedition's mainly ex-ploratory trip through Wadi Rum and its mountains, left them with the feeling that "the beauty and uniqueness of the desert is such that it deserves to become a national park."

"This would maintain its character and beauty and would keep the area as it is today," he said. Ginlia Baciocco, a physicist, added that "Jordan has a lot of potential for tourists, there are many different attractions to see and all within a few hours of each other, you could visit the Dead

Sea, Roman ruins, deserts, mountains, the Red Sea and many other attractions." Baciocco also said that Wadi Rum provides a mountain climber with so many different types of elimbs, ranging from un-claimed peaks to peaks with diffe-

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area, offering a wide ranging variety of possibilities for beights and rootes," Caruso said adding that "trackers would especially enjoy

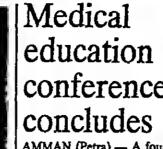
the great scenery. According to the leader of the expedition the low and medium level mountaineers could achieve great satisfaction in repeating beautiful climbs on classical routes to the highest and best known mountains of the region.

For high level and top climbers, be added, the area has a great potential for pioneer activities looking for other unclimbed summits or new routes which need exploration which, according to Caruso, "nowadays is not easy to find elsewhere."

The six member expedition group climbed three unclaimed peaks, Jabal Su'ayfan, Jabal Umm Al Nafuss, and Jabal Mahraj. For long climbs, Jabal Burdah and for short climbs the Sunset Wall (west dome of Abu Khsbeibab), Jabal Su'ayfan, Suayfan, Burdah and Jabal

Mahraj. In addition, the expeditioners climbed Jabal Rum the highest peak in the area along the Hammad's Route which had already

The members of the team were, Baciocco, Caruso, Antonio D'Onofrie Roverta Ferrante, "The main feature of Wadi Antonio Muscas, and Oscar



Hamzeh lays stones for health centres

IRBID (Petra) — Health Minister Zaid Hamzeh Wednesday attended two ceremonies at the northern towns of Nn'eimeb and Sakhra in Irbid governorate for laying the foundation stones for primary health services centres to be set up in the two areas.

In a speech on the occasioo Hamzeb said that his ministry has ramzed said that his ministry has laid down a comprehensive plan for setting up primary health service centres in all regions of the Kingdom for the sake of expanding and promoting services to the public.

Tabbaa meets local merchants

AMMAN (J.T.) — Minister of Industry, Trade and Snpply Ham-di Tabbaa beld talks Wednesday with local merchants and importers on questions related to the importation of food supplies to Jordan and the delay of imported stuff at the customs warehouses, pending proper procedures and other formalities.

During the meeting it was agreed that a joint memorandum on problems and other issues related to the importation pro-cess, be worked ont and submitted for discussion before proper resolutions can be reached.
The Jordan Times Tuesday

published interviews with local merchants who were complaining about delays in the process of clearing imported foodstoffs.

Some of the merchants said

that they have to pay a certain fee each day for the goods pending

One of the merchants said that cerned authorities ordered that imported goods remain in cus-tody until after the conclusion of safety tests which could take up

to 15 days to complete.

After the meeting with the merchants, the minister met with the board of the union of clearing offices to discuss a system for ensuring the clearing, of goods and means of guaranteeing speedy operations.

Later Wednesday, Tabbaa met with representatives of insurance companies and reviewed with them conditions of their companies and the question of merger among some of them.

Agreement was reached on the formation of a committee representing the ministry and insurance companies, to work out a system for improving and prom-oting the work of the insurance companies in Jordan.

Cabinet endorses Riyadh minutes

AMMAN (Petra/J.T.) — The Cabinet Wednesday endorsed minutes of the Jordanian-Saudi Arabian Economic Committee meeting held in Saudi Arabia recently for promoting bilateral cooperation in trade and econo-

The talks were conducted in Riyadh by the Ministry of Indus-try and Trade Secretary General Mohammad Saqqaf and a Sandi Arabian team of officials who discussed means for facilitating the transfer of goods and increasing travel between the two coun-

The two sides agreed on mea-sures to enable the newly founded Saudi-Jordanian Industrial, Agricultural Investment Company to sign and exchange documents on beginning operations and to appoint a board of directors for the new company.

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conference

AMMAN (Petra) - A four-day regional conference on medical education in the Eastern Mediterranean Region was cooeluded bere Wednesday at the University of Jordan.

The conference discussed six working papers on topics related to integration between medical and health care, priorities in medical education, strategies of medical education at universities and medical institutes as well as policies of student admission at the faculties of medicine.

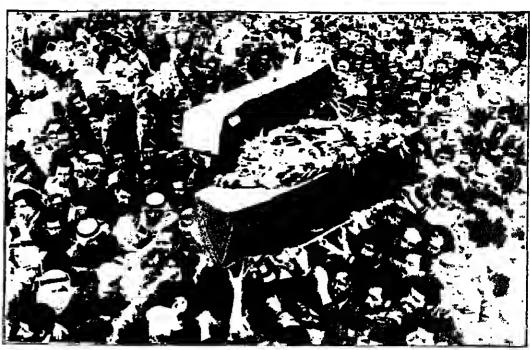
Taking part in the conference were advisors and experts from 23 countries in the region and the World Health Organisation (WHO) as well as the World Federation of Medical Education president, Professor Heory

Zawaideh, SFD chief discuss cooperation

RIYADH (Petra) — Minister of Public Works and Housing Shafiq Zawaideb met in Riyadh Wednesday with the chairman of the Saudi Fund for Development (SFD), Sbeikh Mobammad Al Sugair, to discuss Jordanian-SFD cooperation for road projects in Jordan.

Sheikh Sugair voiced his satisfaction with the level of bilateral cooperation and Jordan's bonouring of its commitment to the

SFD currently finances the Zarah-Ghor Haditha Road project and Aqaba ring road project m southern Jordan.



Palestinian martyrs buried

By Sa'd G. Hattar Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — The bodies of two Palestinian martyrs killed Sunday in a car explosion in Limassol, Cyprus were laid to rest Wednesday amidst animated sentiments, national songs and yodeling by thousands of mourners.

Wrapped in the Palestinian flag, the caskets or the late Mobammad Sultan (Hamdi) and Mohammad Hassan Bubeis (Abu Hassan) were buried as the crowd chanted "God is great, we shall revenge the killings," at Sahab's Martyrs Cemetery.

Minister of Occupied Territories Affairs Marwan Dudin, Minister of Awgaf and Islamic Affairs Abdul Aziz Khayyat, public fi-gures and Jordanian and Palesti-nian dignitaries attended the funeral, some 25 kilometres south east of the capital.

A speech by Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat's Political Advisor Hani Al Hassan at the

funeral was interrupted many times by national songs and slogans vowing vengeance against "Israel and its supporters."
Hassan flew in Tuesday evening to attend the funeral on be-

half of the PLO Chairman. More than 15 police vehicles escoried the nearly two-kilometre cortege, which left the University of Jordan Hospital where the bodies bad been kept, and made

of the capital. Teary-eyed men, women and children, some held aloft, read prose and poetry eulogising the martyrs and the cause for which

its way through the foggy streets

Carried over shoulders, twelve-

making a "V" sign throughout the funeral and he marched with the "cheering" crowds as they made their way from the cemet-

ery's mosque to the graveyard. Sultan, Buheis and a third PLO officer, Col. Marwan Kayyali. were killed in a car bomb attack in Limassol, on the southern Cypriol coast. The PLO Tuesday pledged to avenue the killing of its members by staging attacks against Israeli targets all over the

Born in Jafa in 1953, Kayyali is survived by a wife and a little girl. Thirty-seven-year old Sultan was born in Hebron and has two daughters besides Jawad. Hebron-born Buheis was forty four when he died and has four chil-

In a speech on behalf of Arafat, Hassan praised the victims "patriotic goal for the sake of Palestine and the defeat of Israeli occupation.

Kayyali's body was flown to Lebanon for burial Wednesday.

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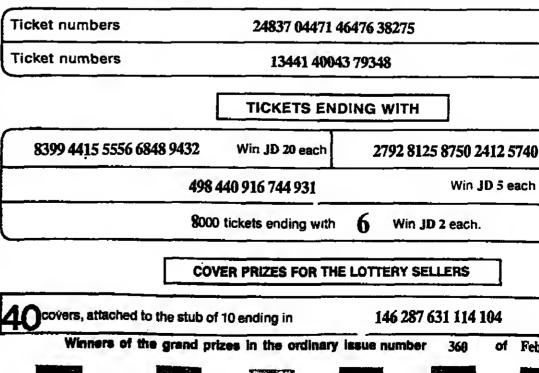
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Fatigue

ISRAELI Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin has been quoted as saying that he sensed some "fatigue" in the two-month-old Palestinian nprising in the West Bank and Gaza. He is right to

There is fatigue with Israeli policies that rely on military force to resolve an essentially political and human dilemma. There is fatigue with an Israeli and a Jewish people - a nation, even, if that is what the Jews feel themselves to be that refuses to see in the Palestinians the mirror image of the

Jewish quest for national expression. There is fatigue with an Israeli attitude that relentlessly lauds the ability of the Jews to preserve their identity for thousands of years, but is surprised that the Palestinians should do the

same thing over a period of less than 100 years. There is fatigue with Israelis who plead a higher sense of national morality, while torturing, deporting, starving, bombing and burying alive Palestinian men, women and children.

There is fatigue with an American government that voted for Palestinian self-determination and a Palestinian independent state in 1947, but that has spent the subsequent 40 years refusing to accept that self-determination applies to Palestinians as well as to all other people on Earth.

There is fatigue with an American government that champions the right of Soviet Jews to emigrate, but that does not respect the right of Palestinians to the same inalienable right to remain in or to return to one's ancestral homeland.

There is fatigue with Israeli-American policies that demand self-determination and sovereignty for other peoples, but offer only self-rule for the Palestinians.

There is fatigue with double standards, and with antihistorical reliance on force to resolve problems that are beyond the realm of force.

There is fatigue with American and Israeli leaderships that fear the truth, that deny history and that espouse different moral and political standards for different people.

There is fatigue with an Israeli-American attitude that says the whole world is wrong, hnt that the Israeli-American

There is fatigue with politicians who sell themselves cheaply for electoral gain. There is fatigue with statesmen who are irresolute and

dishonest. There is fatigue with moral cowardice.

There is fatigue with misplaced militarism. There is fatigue with lies.

ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

Al Ra'i: A genuine uprising

HIS Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan said that the Palestinian people's uprising in the occupied Arab territory has refuted all Israeli allegations that the Palestinian people had succumbed to the will of the Israeli occupation. The uprising bas brought to the surface the real feelings of the Palestinians and focused the world's attention on the Arab-Israeli conflict in all its aspects. Prince Hassan told the injurialist delegation accompanying British I about Party leader Neil inurnalist delegatinn accompanying British Labour Party leader Neil Kinnock nn his visit to Jordan that democracy and freedom are rights to all peoples including the Palestinians who are rising against the Israeli oppressinn and occupation, fullowing 40 years of foreign domination and arbitrary and inhuman practices. The uprising, Prince Hassan said, came in put things in their right perspective and to make the Israeli society realise the grave responsibility it is now shouldering by maintaining occupation of Arab land by force. The uprising has brought back to the fore the question of giving the Palestinian penple their legitimate rights and their homeland. Prince Hassan stressed that Jordan has always sought a permanent and a complete solution for the problem and it is now seeking an international conference to bring justice and peace in the Middle East reginn and to end all forms of invasinn and expansion by Israel in the Arab territory. He said that the internaonnal community should shoulder the responsibility of helping the Palestinians regain their land and their rights.

Al Dustour: Jordan pursues peace

PRINCE Hassan in an interview with Egypdan jnurnalists dwelt on the Arab-Israeli conflict and the means that can ensure a lasting peace in the Middle East and eod Israel's occupation of Arab land. In its drive the achieve peace Jurdan has been cooperating and coordinating steps with Egypt and both countries have been seeking the help of the Soviet Union, the United States and European nations to belp end the cooflict in the area and reestablish peace. Both countries are adhering firmly to the idea of an international conference which they consider as the best forum for achieving a lasting peace based nn justice and the implementation of U.N Security Council resolutions on the Palestine question. The political leaderships in Egypt and Jurdan are unt nuly making mere statements about their positions with regard to the problem but are also coordinating their steps in deciding nn the terms of reference for such a conference and paving the ground for such an important meeting. Jordan and Egypt are also in total agreement on supporting the uprising of the Palestinian penple and in backing the Palestinian people's rights and struggle for freedom. Cooperation between Egypt and Jordan is manifested in the numerous political stands and in continued consultations on every step that can contribute to the establishment of peace.

Sawt Al Shaab: Similar views on peace

FOREIGN diplomatic envoys visiting the Middle East oowadays hear the same views about the Middle East question from all Arab capitals regardless of any initiative put forward for discussion. These views have been unified at the Amman Arab summit where the Arab leaders came to agreement on all questions concerning the higher Arab interests and decided that only through the international cooference can a just and durable peace be achieved. Any partial agreement cannot deal fairly and justly with the Arab-Israeli conflict and cannot safeguard the interests of the Palestinian people. Prince Hassan summed up the Arab stand in his meetings with Egyptian and British journalist delegations on a visit to Amman and be drew world public attention to the fact that the uprising on the occupied West Bank and the Gaza Strip has come about as a result of the sufferings and the continued Israeli oppression over the past years. The Arab stand was backed anew by the Soviet Union whose envoy to the region Vladimir Polyakov said that his country supports the Arab views about the conference and appreciates King Hussein's endeavours to arrive at a peaceful settlement.

The U.S. need to lead in Israel

ATLANTA - While the situation in the occupied territories continues to deteriorate, neither the Palestinians nor the Israelis can or will make the first genuine move toward reconciliation. Only strong action from Washington

Among several dozen Palestinians with whom I met in the occupied territories last year there was an almost unanimous assertion that the Palestine Liberation Organisation was their sole representative and spokesman, but at the same time a realisation that the PLO was almost totally ineffective in making progress, that life under Israeli military rule was becoming increasingly unbearable, that somehow they had to take care of themselves and that violence was increasing inexorably among the young. My impression was that the adults did oot deplore this

Israelis were understandably concerned about their security, and Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and other powerful leaders still able to block any concessions expressed fears that reduction of military authority in the occupied territories and yielding of power to Palestinian Arabs wnuld weaken Israel's ability to maintain control of its own destiny.

Most of the Palestinians and the political leaders in Syria, Jordan, Egypt, China, the Soviet Union and Britain expressed to me their agreement that the most acceptable route to peace was through an international conference to be convened by the five

permanent members of the United Nations Security Council.

In this approach, the Security Council would provide for direct talks between Israel and its oeighbours, guarantee the enforcement and financing of agreements, but reject any right either to impose decisions oo the Middle East participants or to veto means and unfailing underpertormance. The PLO has proved incapable of bettering their eco-

AUTONOMY?

resignations of council members

in three other Palestinian towns.

Wednesday's death brought to 57 the imofficial death toll of

Palestinian demonstrators killed

in 10 weeks of uprising in the West Bank and Gaza.

firms shootings after lenghty de-lays, said Wedoesday seveo

Palestinians were wounded late

Tuesday in clashes at the Fawwar

refugee camp south of Hebron. Hospital officials said that in

addition to gunshot victims they

treated 12 Arabs who were injured by rubber bullets or beaten.

Also Tuesday, soldiers sbot and wounded two Palestinians in

the West Bank village of Kaba-

tiyeh and another in the nearby

city of Jenin, bospital officials

Israel's deputy army chief Tuesday described the 10 weeks

of Palestinian demonstrations in

the occupied areas as a popular

spread violent nprising led by a

nucleus of activists and which

enjoys the support and coopera-tion of the masses," Major-General Ehud Barak told a news

This contradicted statements

by Israeli leaders who have said

the demonstrators bad little sup-

port among the 1.5 million Palestinians of the occupied terri-

conference.

"What we confront is a wide-

The army, which usually coo-

port for these basic premises among Labour Party leaders in Israel, opposition from most Likud leaders and equivocal reactions in Washington.

For 40 years, self-anointed Arab representatives have overdosed Palestinians with political leave the territories.

focusing their attention on government. domestic affairs, arms control, Central America and Afghanistan - not nn peace m Palestine. Since 1967, all manner of verbal accords, declarations, frameworks, plans and resolutions have not changed the poli-

see no significant prospects for nation's reputation as a democra-The superpowers have been change in a stalemated Israeli

Now the sustained confrontations in the West Bank and Gaza are forcing Israelis and others to consider the grievances of the Palestinians. Their anger has focused on Israel, but they are change their perennial status as ontcasts and pariahs. The young demonstrators have exhibited an threshold for absorbing personal pain. They have found themselves to be instant heroes when beaten or imprisoned, and are not likely to cease their demon-

tion of Israeli soldiers. By burning tires and throwing stones, the Palestinians have induced the Israelis to respond with strong action — real bullets fired into demonstrating crowds and deliberate beatings of people on the streets and in their homes.

strations, regardless of the reac-

These actions have brought a wave of revulsion and condemnation, expressed most vehemently by Jewish and other supporters of Israel in the United States, who are put in the unenviable position of defending a long-term military occupation and the denial of basic human rights. Without using terrorism or armed struggle, young Palestinians are appealing directly to the conscience of the world. They have pre-emptively attack-ed Israel's most cherished characteristic: Its moral fiber.

The violence may contribute to better prospects for early peace talks: Such an effort cannot wait until after this year's elections in Israel and the United States. The highly publicised suffering and violence bave attracted the world's attention and revealed some putentially beneficial

changes. New forcefulness and leadership among Palestinian Arabs have enhanced their role and decreased the influence of other Arabs. Many Israelis have been

forced to examine the plight of their neighbours and to acknowledge the damage to their own cy dedicated to justice and human

With anger and mutual recrimination at a high pitch in the region, there is an increasing need for outside efforts to initiate negotiations, most notably from the United States. Regrettably, the Reagan administration realmost equally annoyed with the Reagan administration re-other powers that have failed to sponded for too long only at the ambassadorial level with an inevitably fruitless attempt to orchestrate exclusive talks among unprecedented commitment to Israelis, Jordanians and West their cause and a surprising Bank and Gaza Palestinians. Many Israelis — and their adver-saries — will welcome the news that Secretary of State Shultz now plans to intercede personally. The time is surely right for such an intercession, bringing with it-the full influence of the White

> There are some immediate steps that can be taken to stop the violence and at the same time move toward permanent peace.

- Exploring ways to open market outlets for the manufactured goods and agricultural produce of Palestinian Arabs. Palestmian Arabs.

- Announcing a freeze on new Israeli settlements in the West Bank.

— Holding municipal elec-tions, as was done in 1972 and 1976 as a first move toward Palestinian self-rule — a move already advocated by influential young leaders within the Likud

But these steps alone will not resolve the crisis. Washington should pursue talks involving Israel, all its neighbours and the permanent members of the Security Council, with the goal of bringing all the parties into an international conference. With strong American leadership, despite some inevitable objections from Israelis and others, it is possible to bring great benefits both to Israel and her neighbours. Peace is not a zero-sum game; it is a win-win proposition

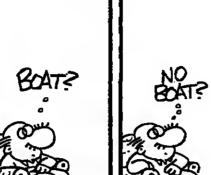
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By Jimmy Carter

can end the violence.

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DEAL?



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Palestinian uprising continues

Jerusalem, troops fired rubber step down, following individual bullets at residents wounding a 10-year-old child in the kidneys, military sources said.

The army also reported protests but no casualties in Gaza where Arabs threw rocks at army patrols.

A military court sentenced Wasfi Mansour, 55, an Arab from the village of Tira, to life in prison for allegedly planting a comb last February on a Haifa-Jerusalem bus. Nine passengers were injured, several of them

Five members of the local council of Al Ram, a town oo the ootskirts of Jerusalem, resigned puty council bead Babjat Zaal said Wednesday.

Leaflets from the underground United National Leadership of the Uprising called nn Palestiman officials to leave public office in protest against the Israeli occupa-

Zaal said his resignation and that of his colleagues were unrelated in pressures either from Palestinians nr Israelis and were motivated by internal differences with the council head.

"We came to the council tn serve the people and we left because we cannot serve them for a number of reasons, the situatinn in general and the policies and actions of the council head,

he said. The Al Ram councilmen made up the largest group of officials to

Prime minister meets Polyakov U.S. plan" before a visit later this closed.

month by U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz.

Washington is proposing an "international meeting" in April as a first step towards direct Arab-Israeli oegotiations, followed in December by talks on limited "self-rule" for Palestinians in the Israeli-occupied West

Bank and Gaza.

Meanwhile, another Soviet official arrived in Baghdad cartying a, message from the Moscow leadership to President Saddam Hus-

The Iraqi News Agency (INA) reported the arrival late Tuesday of a senior Soviet diplomat, Oleg Grinevsky, and said he was carrying a message for the Iraqi president. Contents were not dis-

INA quoted another Soviet official, Baghdad Commercial Attache Lazarev Oleg, as saying the value of trade between Iraq and the Snviet Union reached \$1.2 billioo in 1987, which it said was a 46 per cent increase on the previous year.

In Tehran, Iraman President Ali Khamenei has told a visiting Soviet official that the United States and its Western allies may try to gain influence in Afghanistan once the Soviets withdraw, Tehran's Islamic Republic News

Agency reported Wednesday.

The agency said Khamenei met
Tuesday night with the Soviet Union's deputy foreign minister, Vladimir Petrovsky.

Kinnock arrives in West Bank

Hikmat Al Masri. He was due to stop later at the offices of an Arab human rights group in Ramallah before meet-

ing Palestinian leaders from the Jerusalem area. Kinnock is scheduled to visit the occupied Gaza Strip Thursday before his visit to Israel which is at the invitation of the Israeli

Labour Party. Kinnock will meet Peres several times as well as other Labour leaders and will also bold talks with right-wing Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir.

Before leaving Amman Wednesday, Kinnock met with Lnwer House of Parliament Speaker Akef Al Fayez and reiterated his belief that peace in the Middle East reginn can only be reached through an interna-

tional conference. He said that he would relay to the Israeli leaders his impressions

about his current tour. Kinnock said that the Camp David agreement "cannot pre-sent a sufficient basis for achieving peace and therefore any plan based on the Camp David accord cannot achieve the aspired goal," the Jordan News Agency, Petra,

Referring to the new American initiative, Kinnock said that he did not expect it to achieve any success because "it is not based on the concept of the international conference.

"Any delay in resolving the Middle East problem," Kinnock added, "is bound to further aggravate the situation in the

Road safety education

To the Editor:

I CANNOT but agree with Elizabeth Hanna's letter to the editor (Sunday, Feb. 14), that constructing so-called "sleeping policemen" in the vicinity of all schools would be a deterrent to speeding motorists and would surely save young lives.

There is, however, another approach to the same problem which requires even more urgent consideration. I speak of the education of the children themselves in good road safety

1 witnessed recently a group of school children suddenly setting off at a run across a main road. Realising that they bad cut it too fine for the on-coming motor car, panic set in and the group scattered, with some turning back, others continuing and leaving one smaller child frozen with fear in the middle of the road. Happily, the car managed to pull up just in time and no one was hurt; but the motorist himself was left badly shaken by the experience. I know, because the motorist was mel

The point is, that these children broke every rule in the book of good road safety practice. I would like to recommend that road safety education becomes the responsibility of every school in Jordan, so that all children

are made aware of the dangers awaiting them and how best to Trevor Clare

Headmaster International Community School, Amman

PLO postpones 'return voyage'

journalists and others on the voyage to Haifa. Israel has neither confirmed

nnr denied it was responsible. The blast tore a bole in the ship's ballast tanks which was estimated by a salvage expert to take 10 to 12 bours to repair. The PLO unsuccessfully tried

port of Piraeus during the previous week. "Israel bad earlier used tactics nf threats and intimidatinn against companies to prevent them from providing us with a boat which would take us to the

to charter a ship in the Greek

homeland," Sayeh added. return," as the symbolic voyage the ship in Cyprus.

was called, may go ahead in mnnths or years, a PLO official told Reuters. 'Our return boat shall not be

the last. We shall continue the

struggle for peace, justice and freedom," Sayeh said. The 106 deportees will return to their countries Thursday, officials said, while foreign correspondents whn flocked to Athens to cover the event will also go

Three thnusand demnnstra-tors, including the expelled Palestinians, marched to Israel's diplomatic mission in Athens Tuesday and burned Israeli flags The inumey of the "ship of in protest against the bombing of

U.S. backs land in return for peace

would remain private as part of his quiet diplomacy. So I doo't know what they said specifically," be said. However, an Israeli official in

identified, indicated to Reuters that Shamir's position may not be as unyielding as it seemed.
"Of course the Likud is against territorial compromise but the Likud is not excluding anything in

Washington, who asked not to be

oegotiations," he told Reuters.
"That's what negotiations are

Shamir: Plan too speedy Shamir said in Rome Tuesday the United States wanted to complete negotiations oo a Middle East peace plan before Reagan's term ended but a speedy settlemeot would be difficult.

"What they want is to end all

this process of very complicated negotiations before the end of the term of the present U.S. government — before the end of the year," he told a news conference during a three-day visit to Italy.

"It is a very ambitious idea, given that the timetable will be He said the United States was

suggesting that negotiations on an interim period of "autocomy" for the Israeli-occupied territories should be followed immediately by talks about the future status of the territories.

"There is a trend in the American government to blend various elements... some elements taken from the Camp David agreement... and maybe some ideas from American officials," Shamir

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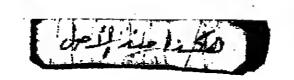
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Some have some hope

Three scholars on Saturday held a discussion on the future of the present Arab order, Najwa Najjar reports:

"Despite differing views over

Arab prinrities and over ways to

struggle against Israel, and the

death of Abdul Nassir, we see

that the Arah order is able to

continue its existence," he said.

People's will exists

the existence of the Arab order

indicates the existence of an Arab

will and desire for unity. They

referred to the Amman summit as

being a significant step in reviving hope in the Arab individual and

in unifying ranks within the Arab

agreement to eliminate conflicts

and to accept into the Arah order

those who were outside the Arah

consensus on Iran," Hikmat said.

the situation in the Arab World

which indicated that it was crucial

Hikmat added that there was a

"new trend in the pan-Arab

efforts" which he called "a new

mechanism to correct the devia-

tions of any member state,"
"There is an insistence that mem-

ber states within the Arab order

sbould conform to pan-Arab

principles in dealing with all

problems presented, and should

not be allowed to veer away from

general national principles," Hik-

at the summit agreed to tackle

certain issues and to take correct-

ing measures, the measures were

not fulfilled because the differ-

ences between Iraq and Syria were too deep. "The future sta-

bility of the Arab order requires

greater effort on all levels, espe-

cially in deepening the member states commitment to unity," he

Security, security

Hikmat suggested there should be a separation between the security need of the governing

elites and national security; re-

formation of the Arah League by

including elected bodies which

represent the Arab people such as the Uninn of professional asso-

ciations to ensure that the league

would not he hound hy

hureaucracy; to enhance the legi-

timacy of the Arab regimes hy

responding to the aspirations of their peoples; and for states not to oppose muhilisation of their

peoples natinnal feelings.

'Public npininn and grnups can

apply pressure on the leaders to

ensure a stand on national goals

that the people want," Hikmat

said, adding that this was proved

by the nugoing uprising in Pales-

for a people's movement aiming

at Arab unity. The drive for Arab unity must continue, it is

not a closed issue because it failed

of the Arab order both militarily

"We must move quickly to

The future lies in establishing a

region in order to develop the

Arab Nation, its agriculture, in-

dustry, research and technology. "This way we will create prog-ress." Sharif said that problems

of poverty, unemployment, ex-ternal debt, development, and

even arms production would be

snlved within a national

framework. He believes that eco-

nomic blocks have become more important than governments, "if

you notice, everyone is speaking

to economic blocks not to govern-

using peaceful means."

and economically.

Sharif went further by calling

to hold such a conference."

"The summit was a response to

The Arab summit reached an

Hikmat and Abu Jaber believe

AMMAN — Over forty years Arah state to annther. have passed since colonialism, considered to be the cause of the Arab World's division, ended. Yet the Arab states have remained at odds with one annther and the Arab peoples' national aspirations for unity remained unfulfilled, three prominent Jordanian political analysts and public figures agreed during a

The Arab order (Al Netham Al Arabi) which is defined as the existing Arah states and the cooperation they achieved mostly through the institutional and political framework of the Arab League, has failed and there was little hope for it to achieve Arab people's aspirations, said the analysts at a discussion held Saturday. They pointed out internal and external factors which have interacted tn deepen Arab differences and impede their

As part of the discussion, enti-tled: 'The future of the Arab order after the Arab summit,' University of Jordan political science professor, Dr. Kamel Ahu Jaber, prominent lawyer and former minister, Taher Hikmat, and chairman of the board of the Jordan Press and Publishing Company (Al Dustour). Mahmoud Sharif, proposed several means to revitalise and reigvigorate the work of the Arab mat said noted that the ambitions of the Arab people.

the ambitions of the Arab people. According to them the Arab order since its inception in the 1940s was incapable of protecting the interests of the Arab Nation, the future of its people and Arab nationalism in face of aggression, even though it was established on the basis of national belinging, geographic proximity and similar-

ity of interests. We managed to free ourselves from the sbadow of the Ottoman umbrelia. Hnwever, we awakened to find ourselves still surrounded by enemies: Imperialism, Zionism and backwardness," said Dr. Abu Jaber, chairman of the World Affairs Council in Amman.

A grim present
The divisions in the Arah Wnrld, which the colunialists created, were maintained by the Arabs "for our own purposes," Abu Jaber said. The present looks grim to him as he sees that the Arah people have no say in their own affairs and no chance to manipulate their circumstances.
"We have become accustomed to reaction and not to action, tn surrender and tn accept nur fate in most cases."

Abu Jaber points nut that after the 1967 war one sethack has followed the other because the war proved the demise of Arah military and psychological might. This has led to a demise of Arab security.'

In agreement with Ahu Jaher, Sharif added that it had become apparent that it is difficult for any nne Arab state tn printect its national security, land and people against the threat nf Iran nr

Although the Arab order has survived, "it has been helpless in face of the member states' deviations," Hikmat believes.

He said the only concrete result reinvigorate, strengthen and reconstruct the present Arab system," he said. The idea is to set of the Arab order was the formation of the Arab League. However, the Arah League is nnt the only bond that keeps the Arab up an Arab reginnal economic block which may have within it order. "The Arah order consists smaller blocks such as the counof governmental and pan-Arab tries of greater Syria and the institutions and organisations, the Magreh. Arab conscience, problems, mis-eries, feelings and national tenreal Arab common market which would reinvest Arab capital in the

dencies," be said. "The effectiveness of the Arab order depends on two conditions: Its foundation or the axis npon which it revolves, and the existence of a leadership such as the leadership of the late Egyptian President Gamal Abdul Nassir."

The lack of these two conditions does not mean that the Arah nrder has ceased to exist. Hikmat refers to the '50's '60's when there was ideological polarisation in the Arab World and to bow consequently the Arah order's base was moved from nne

Israelis bury 4 Arab youths alive

The following article is reprinted from The Sunday Times issue of Feb. 14. On Monday, Feb. 15, the Israeli army confirmed that its troops in the occupied territories on Feb. 5 buried four Arab youths under wet earth. Two Israeli soldiers were arrested for investigation.

By Marie Colvin

THE ISRAELI army is investigating a claim that, in an act of extreme intimidation, soldiers using a bulldozer buried fonr Palestinian yontbs under a mound of wet earth after beating them almost senseless. The allegations come at a time when the Israeli army is already under increasing criticism, at home and abroad, for its policing of the occupied territories, where violence has continued for the last twn mnnths.

The four youths, who could barely mave after their beatings. had to he dug out of the earth by local villagers. A hospital doctor who treated them afterwards said the youths could have died if they had not been pulled clear of the mound which, according to villagers, was four feet high.

Brigadier-General Ephraim

spokesman said: "The reports are the entrance to the village by an from the village, firing tear gas being taken very seriously. There eight-foot high barrier of bull- and rubber bullets. At least five is a serious investigation going on at the very highest levels."

According to witnesses in the isolated mountain village of Salim in the West Bank, Israeli soldiers dragged four youths from their homes after a protest, beat them, ordered them to lie face down in a field and used a buildozer, which bad been working nearby, to heap sodden earth on top of them, covering the heads and bodies of three of the youths. Another youth was buried up to his neck.

One of the boys is still in. hospital. The Palestinian doctor whn treated the youths in Jericho said that they were covered in earth when they arrived, had sand in their ears and hair and had difficulty breathing. He said their condition was consistent with heavy pressure on the body, particularly the rib cage, and he believed they had been buried. They were extensively hruised on their limbs, hacks and around their heads and shoulders.

Last week, I went to Salim. It is a collection of mainly one-storey concrete houses lining dirt tracks which lead to a solitary paved

dozed earth. About 50 yards in front of this barricade is the mound where villagers say the army tried to cover the youths.

vouths were injured. Soldiers on

the scene declared a curfew and

entered the village at about 2

p.m. They went into four homes.

dragging out the four youths and

the 15-year-old brother of

The five were beaten on their

arms, legs and backs and forced

to clear stones from the road.

They were hit with batons and

rifle butts as they worked, but,

perhaps because of his youth,

Zakaria was freed after stones

had been cleared. The other four

were then forced to the village

Shtieh, still in Jericho hospital,

speaks in a monotone about the

incident as though he cannot be-

lieve it happened. Both his arms

and one of his hips are fractured.

street, with sticks and guns. Then

they took us to the front of the

village. The buildozer was there

putting up a wall to block off the road," said Shtieh.

He said the soldiers, accompa-

nied by one of the Jewish settlers,

made all four youths lie face

down on the ground in the field and continued to beat and kick

them. "I could hear the buildozer

but I couldn't see it. I couldn't

move because my arms and legs

He said the bulldozer dumped

a load of wet earth on the four,

covering their feet and lower legs.

Then it returned with another

Mustafa Hamdan was ahie to

understand what the soldiers

were saying because he :speaks

Hebrew, having worked in an Israeli factory. He said they were

forced to sing "Golani Giolani"

while clearing the road, Go,lani is

an elite unit in the Israeli army.

Defence force spokesmen con-

firmed that Golani troops were

operating in the area but would

nnt confirm that they had been

Hamdan, his face still puffy

and his right eye still black, said:

"Soldiers told us to lie on our

faces like we were praying. I felt

the earth on my feet and I tried to

edge up so it wouldn't be on my

head, but a soldier had a boot on

He said he was covered up to

his shoulders but his bead was

partially protruding. . .

present at the incident.

my head."

load that covered his back.

hurt too much.

"They beat us as we cleared the

Muhsein Mohamad Said.

I spoke separately to each of the four victims - Abdul Latif Shtieh, 19, his cousin Isam Shafiq Taher Shueh, 20, Mustafa Hamdan, 27, and Muhsein Mohamad Said, 20 — and to the villagers who say they witnessed the incident, including a man who bas sworn a statement for a lawyer, Jonathan Kuttab, who wants the boys to press their case against the army.

I examined the youths' bodies and confirmed that nearly a week after the incident they were all still suffering from severe bruising. One had difficulty walking. The story they tell began on

February 5, when a crowd of youths carrying Palestinian flags marched from the Salim mosque towards the main road, rolling boulders across the road and setting tyres ablaze. Jewish residents of a nearby settlement, Elon More, called in the army, saying that the youths were stoning pas-

The army arrived and battled

road. The road is now hlocked at with the youths down the road Lapid, the Israeli army's chief

From left, Mustafa Hamdau, Muhseiu Mohammad Said and Abdul Latif Shtieh, three of the victims,

Encyclopaedia of Arabic names coming

By Ken Haley

Reuter MUSCAT - What's in 140,000 names? The makings of a book that will have personal relevance for the world's 100 million Arabs.

A pet project of the Sultan of Oman, Qaboos Bin Said, the est of every sonal name in the Arabic language is not due for publication until 1990.

But already researchers logging each new entry in their computers bave acquired knowledge. For instance, they have found that 95 per cent of Arabs bear the 15,000 most common names in Arabic, even though they comprise only 11 per cent of the total number.

Last week Sultan Qaboos met the advisory committee he appointed under the chairmanship of his personal adviser on economic planning, Mohammad Al Zubair, to produce the reference wnrk.

Zuhair, in an interview with Reuters, later explained how the project had been conceived.

"His Majesty noticed that he could not find a particular book in the Arabic library that he wanted to read... He had looked for such a book twn or three nr four times, and then he thnught: Why not create nne.?"

So in 1985 he commissioned Zubair tn list and analyse names in use from Oman in the east to Morocco in the west and gave Zubair's task force five years to complete the joh.

in the '50s. It will be a long Zubair explained how he and struggle, but we must struggle his colleagues went about it: "We To him it is essential to minimade a sample nf about two per cent of the population from 12 countries and this gave us in the mise the independence of states within the Arab Wnrld for economic reasons. He believes that region of 7.5 millinn names." economics is key to the viability

As Arabs commonly have a first, middle and last name this profusion of names denoted 2.5 million people from the participating nations - Oman, United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, North Yemen, Egypt, Iraq, Morocco, Tunisia and Jordan.

140,000 different names

Between them the 2.5 million people whose names were garnered from telephone directories, hospital records, school, court, police and army files were found to share 140,000 different names.

But that is where the investigation really begins because, as an academic work, the "Sultan Qaboos library for the study of Arabic names," the publication's working title, aims to explain the provenance and significance of names throughout the Arab World.

Sources consulted include historians and linguistics professors in Egypt and Oman, besides publications both modern and medieval

"First we see if a name is originally Arabic or not, then if it is Islamic or not, where it is used most and where it is not so common," Zubair said.

"Our aim is not only to produce a reference work. It is about meaning, religion, history, social derivation and why it is occurring where it is."

. In 1990 the finished work will be published in four main volumes and six minor ones. Two of the major ones will include information on the 15,000 most popular names the other two will constitute a register of the other

125,000 in popular use today. A companion volume titled

"Famous People of Oman" will tell readers who was wbo in Oman over the past 1,000 years. Nn living person will be included, Zubair explained, to avoid coutroversy.

For "famous people", 1,030 names are already stored in the computer awaiting biographical analysis. Another 150 names will be added to the list, which is being selected from existing historical works.
Zubair confirmed that his own

first name, Mohammad, is the most popular in the Arab World, followed by Ahmed, Abdullah and Ali.



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I HAVE often heard that the rain in Spain, for some reason or the other, stays mainly in the plain.

Lucky are the Spaniards. In Jordan, rain stays mainly in the streets and

everywhere we don't want it to be. When a rain storm strikes here, nobody fails to feel its "chilling" effect on our daily lives.

At home, roofs leak and in the streets, if you manage not to step into water pools left by the rain, a passing car will make sure to spray some of the liquid mixed with some mud onto your best suit.

When it rains in Instance was the cure that rain will make sured.

When it rains in Jordan, you can be sure that rain will make enough

holes and craters to give car mechanics good business for the remainder of Why is it that when it rains in Jordan, rain water insists on staying on our streets? I have always wondered. Is it to make business for car mechanics or is it to benefit garment cleaners as cars keep spraying

I tend to believe that none of the above is the case, as I don't see why the municipality of Amman should be biased as to benefit car mechanics and cleaner shops alone. I think the reason why rain falling on Jordan prefers staying on the streets rather than go somewhere else where it could be useful, is a problem related to the planning of streets such as elevation

schemes and engineering.

Having asked several engineers on the extremely sophisticated process of forcing water off our streets. I discovered that the task, though not easy. was less difficult than building a space shuttle. Then, why isn't the

municipality doing it?

Perhaps the municipality does not recognise this as an important problem. On the contrary, it may be part of the municipality's plans for a greener Amman. Maybe with so much water remaining on the streets, vegetation and trees would grow in the middle of our streets. And whoi is going to complain about vegetation? Not me!

Aspirin may prevent some types of stillbirth

By Paul Verschuur The Associated Press

ROTTERDAM, Netherlands --Aspirin, one of the world's most common painkillers, may also nffer a cure for some women whose pregnancies usually end in stillbirth, a Dutch gynecologist said Friday.

Small daily doses during pregnancy may prevent ideopathic growth delay, according to Prof. Henk Wallenberg of the Dijkzicht Hospital.

Without the aspirin treatment, fetuses affected by the disease simply fail to grow in the womh, Wallenberg told the Associated In a programme that began in

1983, Wallenberg has been treating 43 women who have all had one or more stillbirths and no healthy children hecause of ideopathic growth delay. He published part of his find-

ings last November in the American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology, he said, adding that those findings were based on work with a much smaller group of women.

healthy bahies, and nuly one patient had a stillborn child because of the disorder, Wallenberg said. Two additional stillbirths were nf different origin, he said.

Doctors dn not know what causes ideopathic growth delay. Wallenberg, who said the condition affects from 1 to 2 per cent of all pregnancies, said the term "is medical jargon for saying you don't understand a thing about

Link to blood vessels

The problem has been linked tn the blood vessels in the placenta, which lines a pregnant woman's womb and plays an important part in the development of the fetus. A pregnant woman has about

woman whn is not pregnant, while the blood vessels in her placenta widen progressively during the pregnancy. In pregnancies affected by the

1.5 liters more blood than a

disease, those vessels remain too narrow, Wallenberg said. Aspirin's role in widening them

is similar to the part it plays in The women in the latest prog- fighting heart disease, the gyneramme delivered a total of 47 cologist explained.

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Skaters keep Soviet Union top of the medals chart

CALGARY (Agencies) — Soviet figure skaters delivered a familiar one-two in the Olympic pairs final Tuesday — the same kind of knockout Pirmin Zurbriggen wants to deliver in his bid for Alpine skiing immortality.

The gold-silver sweep by the Soviets in the only medal event of two-day Alpine combination the fourth day of competition kept them at the head of the table with seveo titles decided.

Their tally reads: three golds, three silvers and one bronze against 2-0-0 count of nearest rivals East Germany.

Hours hefore diminutive Ekaterina Gordeeva and Sergei Grinkov led Elena Valova, partnered by Oleg Vasiliev, to first and second place io Calgary's impressive Olympic saddledome, Swiss maestro Zurbriggen staged a repeat downhill triumph.

A day after Zurbriggen conquered his rivals in the bloe riband speed test be handed out similar punishment oo the shorter

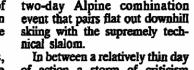
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of action a storm of criticism erupted after a Canadian coach suggested that the Soviet Union's triumphant Nordic cross-country skiers could have been blood

Vitaly Smirnov, Soviet member of the executive board of the International Olympie Committee (IOC), retorted: "It's a very big mistake. All the athletes were checked for blood transfusions. including the medallists, and there were oo marks found.

"It's wrong for the Canadian coach, who is representing the host country, to say this." Canada's top Olympic official, Roger Jackson, said: "It was stu-

pid. He's made an accusation he has absolutely no ability to back

Soviet skiers filled four of the first five places in the women's 10-km race Sunday and followed with three of the top four in the men's 30-km event Mooday. Back oo the slopes Zurbriggen,

contesting all five Alpine categories, headed Frenchman Franck Piccard by 0.48 of a second, His chances of winning after Wednesday's slalom were further

strengtheoed by the withdrawal of combined world champion Marc Girardelli, Austrian-born Girardelli, representing Luxem-bourg, aggravated an elbow in-

jury. Michela Figini, another top Swiss, again set the fastest training time in practice for the defence of ber Olympic women's downhill crown Thursday.

The crack East German bobsleigh squad dropped Sarajevo double gold medallist Dietmar

Schauerhammer from their twoman line-up, according to a senior team official. Team manager Horst Hoern-lein agreed the brakeman had problems but said that no decision had been reached on who would partner driver Wolfgang Hoppe at the weekend.

Women's luge The East Germans, with two golds so far, appeared certain to add another after Wednesday's final two runs in the women's luge. They held the top three

spots after Tuesday's first two

Ute Oberhoffner, the 1984 Olympic bronze medallist, had a combined time of 1 minute, 31.963 seconds, 1984 gold medal-list Stefi Walter had 1:32.001 and 1987 world champioo Cerstin Schmidt had 1:32.098.

The racer best positioned to prevent an East German sweep Wednesday was West Germany's Veronika Bilgeri, more than onehalf second behind Schmidt at

Schmidt's course record of 45.788, seet a year ago, did not fall Tuesday. The best run was Waler's first — 45.828 seconds.

Meanwhile, West Germans Thomas Schwab and Wolfgang Staudinger beat the track record in a practice run for the luge doubles, a race to be run Friday. But they were only 0.05 seconds



American-Czech ice bockey action at Sarajevo during the 1984 Winter

Canada takes top division slot; Poland pulls up Sweden

CALGARY (AP) — Canada survived its second straight scare against one of the lower seeds in the Olympic hockey tournament, defeating ninth-seeded Switzer-land 4-2 Tuesday to move into first place in its division.

Gord Sherven's rebound goal with 15:14 to play snapped a 1-1 tie and spoiled an excellent game by Swiss goalie Richard Bucher. Fourth-seeded Canada, a 1-0

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faster than East Germans Stefan Krausse and Jan Behrendt.

Firm wins cross-country

Marjo Matikainen, Finland's stellar cross-country ski sprinter, because a double medal winner Wedriesday by adding gold to her previously won bronze.

Winds, gusting up to 140 kph, forced at least 24-hour postponements of 90-metre team ski jumping and the final two runs of the woneen's loge competition at Canada Olympic Park on Calgary's western outskirts. Gusts also wiped ont training for the women's downhill on Mount Allan, 90 kilometres away.

But, lower down Mount Allan's slopes, wind conditions were less severe and allowed the skilom leg of the men's combined Alpine skiing to begin on sche-

Switzerland's Pirmin Zurbrigizen, winner of the regular dow-nhill Monday, held the halfway lead in the combined. Although not the fastest down the slalom course, Zurbriggen was still posi-tioned to clinch his second gold after finishing the first of two statom runs in 44.32 seconds.

winner over eighth-seeded Po-land Sunday, is the only unbeaten and untied team in the A Pool. Sweden, the other favourite in the division, was tied 1-1 by Poland earlier Tuesday.

Bucher's performance came on the heels of Sunday's 32-save outing in Switzerland's 2-1 opset of Finland. Sean Burke, Canada's goalie,

made a half-dozen acrobatic saves, demonstrating why he is considered one of the best young goalies in the world. Sherven's winner occurred af-

ter Zarley Zalapski's shot was blocked by defenseman Jakob Koelliker. The puck went directly to Sherven, who beat Bucher to the stick side. Ken Yaremehnk and Marc

Habscheid scored late in the game to increase Canada's lead to 4-1. Switzerland's Joerg Eberle scored with 3:38 left.

Canada dominated the first period, taking the first 14 shots of the game. In fact, Switzerland didn't test Burke until 6:15 remained in the period.

Despite their almost constant pressure, the Canadians weren't able to beat Bucher until 4:05 into the second period oo Serge

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Boisvert's goal.
With £51 left in the second, Burke got a holding penalty after mishandling the puck behind the net. And six seconds after teammate Claude Vilgrain went off to serve the penalty, Peter Schlagenhauf tied the score oo an assist from Koelliker.

Poland pulls up Sweden

In the earlier game, Poland, mounting a tough, hard-hitting defence, tied top-seeded Sweden

Sweden, the 1987 class a world champion, was coming off a 13-2 rout of France but was unable to skate around the Poles' defence

The game's only goals were scored 43 seconds apart early in the second period.

Becker, Cash struggle in Italy

MILAN (R) — Top seeded Boris Becker struggled to find his form in a tough first round tie against France's Guy Forget in the Italian indoor tennis championships

Former Wimbledon champion Becker, who won here last year, finally beat Forget 6-4, 1-6, 6-4 but showed the effects of a twomonth tournament layoff due to leg and back injuries.

Competing in his first circuit tournament this year, the West German's net play and ground strokes appeared sloppy and he made several unforced errors.

Becker relied in the end on his explosive serve to get him into the second round and attributed his mediocre performance both to periodic lapses of concentration and Forget's aggressive style.
Wimbledon champion Pat

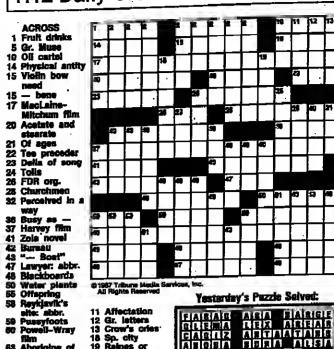
Cash faced a surprisingly stiff challenge from unheralded 16-year-old Niklas Kulti of Sweden in his first round match.

Cash, seeded fourth here, also relied on a booming serve to defeat the aggressive Kulti 6-3, 6-4. The lanky Swede, using a whip-like two-fisted backhand, appeared to catch Cash off guard in the first set.

But his inexperience showed in the second set after he committed several unforced errors to give Cash a five-four service break. "He hit the ball harder than I thought," Cash said of his oppo-nent. "He's a bright young play-er," the Australian told journal-

Kulti, who has won nine national junior titles, took the Orange Bowl (Florida) tournament in 1985 in the 14 and under category, as well as Port Washington and the European

THE Daily CrossWord by Elizabeth Arthur



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Plans include pricing services and mergers

CBJ reactivates secondary market trading

By Salameh B. Ne'matt Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — The Central Bank of Jordan (CBJ) said Wednesday it has adopted several measures to reactivate the secondary financial market in Jordan and to encourage dealing with govern-

Deputy CBJ Governor Maher Shukri told the Jordan Times the central bank has started the process of laying down the grounds for the establishment of a mechanism to start a secondary market in government securities. He said that banks will start issuing a vield curve based on which banks would be able to price securities and to observe

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uniformity in pricing.

He said that the bank had to amend four laws related to the public debt, a central bank law, a banking law and another of the Amman Financial Market to achieve this end.

Under the new changes, commercial banks and financial institutions can now trade government securities without going through the Amman Financial Market except for registering the deal. Under the new arrangement, banks would determine the prices of government securities. The central bank would intervene to bny and sell according to the yield curve, Shukri said.

The central bank would respond to some bids and offers in securities under open market operations, without necessarily being restricted by the yield

curve. The central bank has eliminated the requirement on banks to hold a certain percentage of their capital in bonds and government securities. The banks would be free to buy and sell as they wish, thus when they need liquidity, they could borrow against government securities.

Shukri said banks responded positively to the CBJ move though banks were cautious to trade now because, "at this moment, everybody is a buyer." He said that since the primary market does not supply demand, demand increases and yields de-

The Amman Financial Market is currently working with the central bank and Reuters news agency to facilitate broadcasts of securities prices to all investors' through the agency's financial

We bope the market will be developed and reactivated and that this will cause a secondary market to develop for other securities such as corporate bonds," Shukri said in an inter-

He pointed ont that this would clear the way for the creation of new instruments such as commercial papers, convertible bonds and mutual funds. "The potential bas always been there," be

Shukri said the ongoing measures would help overcome the problem of the fragmentation of interest rates and their structure.

Pricing services

The deputy governor said the central bank was currently working on unifying pricing of banking services. "We will achieve this very shortly," he said.
Such changes on pricing of banking services, he added, have

a bearing on interest rates which would affect payments on deposits as well as loans.

Reviewing the government's pobcy encouraging mergers of banks, financial institutions and companies, Shukri said that institutions with a stronger capital base and a healthy balance sheet

weak institutions.

He said the merging of the Jordan Phosphate Mines Company with the Jordan Fertilisers Company as well as the merger of the Kingdom's two cement factories, were very successful.

He said the two merging institutions were now beginning to show much better results. "It may have worked against

shareholders interests there and then," Shukri said, "but on the long run, the mergers will prove much better." Underlining the need to streng-then the secondary market, Shuk-

ri urged investment banks to play an active role in reviving the As things stand, he said, there is hardly any difference between investment and commercial

Declaring identity

In a lecture he delivered Tuesday at the Association of Banks in Jordan. Shukri said Jordanian laws allowed for mergers and acquisitions and that laws governing takeovers were more lenient than in other countries. He pointed out that in the U.S., those buying five per cent of a company would be forced by

the Securities Exchange Commission to reveal their identity. In Jordan the percentage reaches 20 per cent and the buyer would not have to declare him-

He said that takeovers may

were more viable than smaller occur in Jordan in the future for investment purposes though such transactions would be difficult to realise as legislation would prevent it in certain cases if the takeover may prove harmful to

the general interest. Shukri said that mergers in Jordan were urged for organisa-tional purposes and to rectify the financial status of troubled com-

The deputy governor said that following the recession period in Jordan, banks and financial institutions as well as insurance companies have proliferated which forced the need for mergers. He said the government was offering troubled companies incentives to merge such as tax exemptions and other facilities.

"Logic tells us that we should encourage mergers, strengthen capital bases of banks, financial institutions and companies to improve their general performance," he noted.

He said that mergers also worked in favour of shareholders. As of Feb. 20, the central bank will start handing to the public bond certificates which are due for maturity in 1995, according to a CBJ announcement Wednes-day. The announcement directed members of the public to call at the CBJ premises or commercial banks where they paid for these bonds to receive them.

CBJ issues development bonds from time to time and pays interest on these bonds every six

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Wednesday.

One Sterling One U.S. dollar

1.2685/95 1.7110/20 1.9211/21 1.4057/67 35.79/82 5.7790/7820 1259/1260 130.40/50 6.0830/80 6.4520/70 6.5350/5400 One ounce of gold

444.75/445.25

French francs Italian lire Japanese yen Swedish crowns Norwegian crowns Danish crowns U.S. dollars

U.S. dollar Canadian dollar

Deutschemarks

Dutch guilders

Belgian francs

Swiss francs

for a total of JD 498,978 spread over 509 contracts involving 47 companies. The market will be closed Thursday and Friday.

FORECAST FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1988

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AMMAN FINANCIAL MARKET

AMMAN (J.T.) — Trading was moderate Wednesday but demand for the shares of Petra Enterprises and Leasing Equip-

ment was still high as 97,388 shares changed hands for a total of

JD 19,343. National Steel Industry topped the list in terms of

volume as JD 151,185 was the result of trading 56,050 of its

shares. The Intermediate Petrochemical Industries also figured

high Wednesday although only 35,043 shares were traded for JD

51,168. Prices held steady in general except for two companies whose share price dropped by a noticeable amount. Jordan French Insurance opened at JD 5.900 per share but later traded at

5.300 while the Arab Bank share opened at JD 120.000 but closed

at JD 119.000. A total of 461,111 shares were traded Wednesday

From the Carroll Righter Institute

People who are progressive and original in their ideas can show you

People who are progressive and original in their ideas can show you how to use your best shifties to increase your opportunities for success. This evening should be spent relaxing at home with your mate.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Try to have more confidence in your shifties, and you can gain your personal wishes more easily. Drive with the utmost care tonight.

TAUBUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Bring your finest talents to the attention of those who can help you capitalize on them. Some civic work can bring you greater prestige.

can bring you greater prestige.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) An important credit matter should be handled very carefully. Pay special attention to the state of your health

at this time.
MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jal. 21) Your intuition is particularly good right now, so follow it without hesitation. Get plenty of well-earned rest tonight.

well-earned rest tonight.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Check
out the details of a business deal
you are getting into, and make sure
you understand it completely. Be
more considerats of your mate.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Be
diplomatic and pleasant in any

business dealings today, and gain grester prestige. Do an important favor for an associate.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You can be much more efficient by getting your surroundings in better order. Be very careful in motion of any kind this evening.

any kind this evening. SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Make arrangements to see some friends for recreation later in the day. Use your creative abilities to improve your chances for success. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Be more practical in handling home affairs, and gain the coopera-tion of your family. If you go out tonight, don't spend too much. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20)

This is a good time to catch up on your correspondence, which has been piling up lately. Do some entertaining at home tonight,

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) If you need some advice or ideas, contact an expert who has a proven track record. Make sure your bills

are all paid on time. PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) tf you have to repay a social obliga-tion, this would be a good time to do so. Take some time to improve your health and appearance.

FORECAST FOR FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1988

YOUR HOROSCOPE

From the Carroll Righter Institute GENERAL TENDENCIES: You

are apt to be very confused today, so make sure you know the true fects and figures before making any decisions. You can learn much about your co-workers by quietly watching their actions. ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Don't

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Don't lat your mate throw you offschedule and keep you from doing your work. Keep your eyes open for any new opportunities.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Do your best to help a friend who is disturbed over a very serious matter, but don't neglect to take care of your own obligations tonight.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Don't do snything which could jeopardize your reputation. This is not a good time to ask favors of a not a good time to ask favors of a superior or your friends.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) This is not a good day to

Jul. 21) This is not a good day to begin any new projects or to go off on any muscal tangents. Avoid a stranger this evening.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Try to handle your bills without bothering a past benefactor. Don't open any old wounds with your mate, or an unfastionate one-tral could ensue.

unfortunate quarrel could ensue. VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) You can avoid trouble today by being

sure to keep any promises you have made. Try to be more pleasing to your mate this evening. LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Your work may seem a bit boring today, but have some patience and you will be rewarded. A co-worker could

cause you some tension.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Forget about having fun today, and maintain the harmonious situation at home or in the office by getting

more work done. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Avoid any friction at home by being less ready to argue every point. Stay around friends who do not spend too much money. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Be extra-careful while driving or harding of any kind today. An im-

Be extra-careful while driving or be motion of any kind today. An important discussion with your family ahould be handled tonight.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Instead of taking on more expenses today, make a plan to save more. Go out and visit a good friend you haven't seen for a while.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) You may feel as if you would like to run away from your daily routines to away from your daily routines today, but if you have e talk with a good friend, you'll feel better.

LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON (R) — Share prices continued firm in late trading but volume was still at the recent low levels, dealers said. At 1530 GMT Wednesday, the FTSE 100 was up 13.9 points at 1,748.5 after a rally on Wall Street Tuesday and on hopes of tax cuts in the March 15 U.K. budget. But dealers said much of the advance reflected tactical moves by market makers in a market which was still trying to find a level. "Despite today's mark up, I really can't see this market going anywhere in the near term," one dealer said. He noted that business was still mainly confined to portfolio movement and switching operations, with little new investment going on. The firmer trend was aided by bopes that Ford workers will Thursday agreement. will Thursday approve Tuesday's deal by Ford U.K. and union leaders to end the strike. While there is relief a long-term Ford strike may be averted, fears exist that a rush of wage claims inspired by the Ford dispute could trigger inflation.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Cooperative bank highlights operations

AMMAN (J.T.) — Jordan Cooperative Bank Director General Ghaleb Al Qalqili said that the bank's total deposits at the end of December 1987 amounted to JD 10,895,000, while the total loans granted by the bank to cooperative societies at the end of 1987 stood at JD 11,409,000. In a report published Tuesday in Al Ra't newspaper, Qalqili added that the bank granted loans amounting to JD 1,881,000 in 1987, of which JD 1,749,000 were seasonal and medium term agricultural loans. He further said that repayments of loans during the same year totalled JD 1,528,000.

South Shouneh passes JD 141,908 budget

SOUTH SHOUNEH (Petra) — The South Shouneb Municipal Council has approved a budget of JD 141,908 for the year 1988. The budget includes allocations for asphalting roads, construction of a park and a public garden and the construction of pavements and embankments for the main roads in the town. The budget also includes allocations for acquisition of land, illumination of streets, beautification of streets and buying garbage containers.

Hotel workers offer pay to back uprising

AMMAN (J.T.) - Hotel workers in Jordan have decided to offer a day's pay to the Arab people of the occupied Arab land in support of their steadfastness in the face of Israel's arbitrary rule. The decision was made at a general meeting of workers in hotel and tourist businesses.

Jordan to display products in Tunis

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Jordanian Commercial Centres Corpora-tion (JCCC) announced Wednesday that it will organise a Jordanian trade fair in Tunis between April 13-24, JCCC invited interested businessmen and factories to apply for participation in that fair starting Feb. 20. Jordanian businesses taking part in the fair will be able to sell directly to the public in Tunis.

Zarqa post offices collect JD 1.5 million

ZARQA (J.T.) - Post ottices in Zarqa Governorate last year handled 4.8 million postal items and collected JD 1.474 million in revenues, according to Zarqa Communications Department Director Mohammad Adaileb. He said in a statement to Al Ra'i newspaper that the number of post offices in Zarqa and its neighbouring towns and villages will be increased during this year to cover all populated areas. The number of post offices in the Zarqa Governorate at present stand at 29.

Expatriates to set up firm this month

AMMAN (Petra) — A Jordanian investment bolding company with a declared capital of JD 10 million, to be subscribed by Jordanian expatriates will be officially set up in Amman at the end of this month, a senior official has said. Ministry of Labour's Jordanian Expatriates Department Director Azmi Al Muhtaseb said the company will be established in implementation of a decision taken at the third Jordanian expatriates' conference held in Amman during the summer of 1987.

Government to continue farm subsidies

AMMAN (J.T.) - The government will buy locally produced potatoes, omons, garlic and also tomatoes for processing at 50 fils kilogramme according to a report in Al Dustour newspaper. The paper said that the government will continue to offer subsidy to all farmers who are committed to the agricultural pattern system and will pay JD 10 for each dunum of land in the Jordan Valley and JD 15 for each dunum in rain-fed regions. According to the paper, the government has also decided to exempt farmers from paying fees on carton boxes containing crops for export.

Orphans' fund holds JD 16.7m in assets

AMMAN (J.T.) - A corporation entrusted with ma orphans' funds said in a booklet that its total investments in 1986 amounted to JD 16.7 million. These investments were made in real estate, public shareholding companies and other businesses. The corporation has also set up buildings and shopping centres for rent to the public.

Ata Ali to take part in Bahrain Show

AMMAN (J.T.) — Ata Ali Group, a Jordanian private company which manufactures ice cream and traditional Arabic sweets and confectionery will be taking part in the 1988 Middle East Food and Equipment Exhibition (MEFEX) which will be held in Bahrain from Feb. 27-March 27. Forty American companies are also participating in the exhibition. Egypt will also be represented at the show by a national group consisting of nine companies, most of them dealing in chocolate and confectionery items.

West Bank uprising hits Israeli economy

TEL AVIV (R) — Builders are short of labour, share traders are depressed and banks are busy bouncing bad cheques as Israel's economy suffers from the 10-week-old Palestinian uprising in the Gaza Strip and West Bank, Israeli officials and economists said.

The economic squeeze is worst among people in the occupied territories themselves, where a virtually total commercial strike is threatening a rash of bankrupt-

"The uprising will cause the residents of the territories great damage. On the other hand, their chances of exerting pressure on the Israeli economy are not great," said Meron Benvinisti, an Israeli who runs an independent think-tank on the territories.

Amos Rubin, economic adviser to Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak said. Shamir, told Reuters the main problem was in the construction industry where workers had not been turning up and building times were being extended by 10

to 15 per cent. Other economists said Israeli textile companies with big Arab work forces had also been hit, forcing some to miss export deadlines, while there were problems harvesting fruit and vegetables usually picked by Palestinians.

Sbortages forced fruit and vegetable prices np 9.3 per cent in January, aggravating general in-

The strike in the West Bank and Gaza Strip has slashed demand for Israeli goods in the areas, normally Israel's biggest "export" market with annual sales of almost \$1 billion. Palestinian businessmen are

likely to see their problems worsen as a result of a recent decision by the occupation anthorities to restrict the flow of money into the territories from "After two months of shut-

downs, their savings are running low and many of them bave exhausted their resources," said Yehuda Litani, a veteran reporter who covers the territories for the Jerusalem Post newspaper. The prospect of widespread Palestinian bankrupteies is caus-

forced to bounce more bad che-An official of Bank Leumi. who declined to be identified. said the four biggest banks had appealed to the Bank of Israel ntral bank) to relax a law

ing nervousness in the Israeli

banking system, as banks are

bad cheques in a month.

thousands of accounts," he said. Gloom has soread to the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, where investors also fear the government may soon introduce a capital gains tax. The market has dropped about 30 per cent, wiping \$1.5 billion off the value of shares in the past two months.

Benvenisti said Israel's problem was more social than economic. "The Palestinians are only six per cent of the Israeli work force, but they are cheap labour and do all the dirty work," he

"The existence of cheap labour has caused some Israeli firms to put off modernisation programmes, and of course those companies are now feeling the

squeeze," be noted. "But the squeeze on the Palesti nians is worse. Seventy per cent of all the goods they buy come from Israel." be said, adding: "It says something for the depth of their feelings that they've been able to hold out this long."

Al Quds radio urges Arabs to sabotage Israeli economy

A Palestinian radio station aiming its broadcasts at the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip urged youths Tuesday to step up their protests against Israeli rule and sabotage Israel's economy. "We call upon you. Palesti-nians in the occupied territories.

to boycott Israeli products and keep up daily demonstrations and clashes with the Israelis," it said. The youths are responsible for keeping the torch kindled

every day in all areas," it said. The radio said the appeal was issued by the United Palestinian Front, described as a coalition of popular groups and independents in the occupied territories.

The statement appealed to Palestinians not to go to work in Israeli factories or farms Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

Fridays should be reserved for prayer, it said, while Sundays should be assigned for general strikes, as Palestinian workers should spare no effort to sabotage Israeli farms and factories."

"This programme is the miniun required for the con which requires them to freeze the tion of the uprising," it added. account of anybody writing 10 "Do escalate your confrontation with the enemy and foil all capitu-"The central bank turned us lationist settlements in order to down and we have had to freeze create the Palestinian state."

Kuwait lends Cyprus \$16m

KUWAIT (R) — The Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development has lent Cyprus 4.3 million dinars (\$16 million) to help finance a water project, the Kuwait News Agency (KUNA) reported

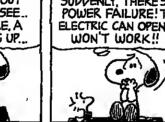
The project, due for completion in 1993 at a total cost of \$170 million, will divert water from the Dhiarizos River for agricultural and drinking purposes.

The 16-year loan, with a six-year grace period, is at five per cent interest, KUNA said.

Peanuts



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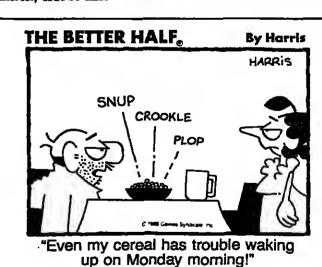


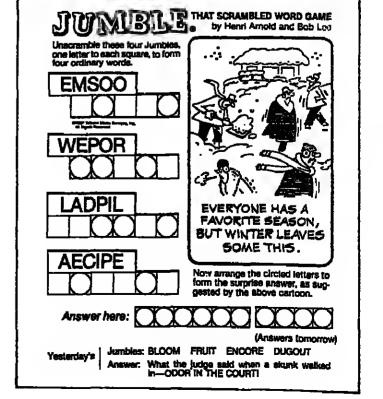
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Andy Capp







Rebel attacks on troops continue

Grenade explodes outside Israeli mission in Manila

been killed and 50 others injured

during clashes between rival poli-

tical factions in Sulu province,

which erupted three days before

last Monday's regional elections.

backed by belieopters and

warships to the largely Muslim

province to guard against election

violence. Suln was the last pro-

vince to hold regional elections,

In other developments, an

underground organisation of pro-

rebel priests and nuns accused the

Roman Catholie hierarchy

Wednesday of abandoning its

mission to serve the poor by supporting President Corazon

Aquino's "total war policy."
"By giving blessings to the total"
war policy of the U.S.-Aquino

regime, the reactionary church

eadership betrayed us all whom

they are supposed to serve," the

Christians for National Libera-

tion (CNL) said in an advertise-

ment in the Philippine daily In-

The CNL is a branch of the

Communist-dominated National

which began Jan. 18.

The military sent 4,000 troops

MANILA (Agencies) — A grenade exploded outside a building housing the Israeli embassy, and the death toll in bloody regional elections in the southern Philippines climbed to at least 25, officials said Wednesday.

The military also reported that suspected Communist rehels ambushed a Philippine constabulary patrol Tnesday in northern Luzon's mountain province, killing eight troopers and wounding 10 others.

A constabulary report said one rebel was believed killed. Police sergeant Danilo Donato said an M-2 grenade, rigged with a timer, exploded about 9 p.m. (1300 GMT) Tuesday outside the Philippine Savings Bank in sub-urban Makati, shattering win-

dows but causing no injuries. Another grenade was found on the ground floor but failed to explode, he said. The building houses the Israeli embassy, but Israeli Ambassador Meir Gavesh told the Associated Press he did not believe the embassy was the

target.
"We don't have any cines as to who could have possibly done it," Gavesh said.

Communist rebels threatened this month to attack Israeli targets here because of alleged support for the government's anti-insurgency campaign.
; Israeli diplomats deny the

country is involved in the campaign against the rebels.

Meanwhile, the governmentrun Philippine Information Agen-

cy said at least 25 people had

On Tuesday, Philippine De-

fence Secretary Fidel Ramos said harsher laws are needed to combat the 19-year-old Communist insurrection and restore law and order in this turbulent country. But he said the rebellion was not at the stage where a state of

national emergency was needed. In another development, the head of the Philippine Armed Forces lashed ont at politicians Wednesday for questioning soldiers on human-rights abuses, saying constant probing hurt their chances of defeating Communist

Dukakis,

Bush win

primary

MANCHESTER, New Hamp-shire (R) — U.S. Vice-President

George Bush has bounced back

as the Republican Party's fron-

trunner to succeed President

Reagan by overturning the opin-

ion polls and trouncing his

archrival Senator Robert Dole in

the New Hampshire primary elec-

His embattled campaign to se-

cure the party's presidential nomination surged back to life

and he proclaimed jubilantly:

Reports of my death have been

The often-mocked Bush res-

cued his bid for the White House

nomination by beating Robert Dole by about 38 to 29 per cent in official returns of the New

Hampshire primary Tuesday

night.
With the campaign about to

head into the conservative south,

where 12 states will select pres-

idential nominating convention

delegates in the 20-state "Super

Tnesday" primaries on March 8,

Bush's recovery came in the nick

On the Democratic side, Mas-

sachusetts Governor Miehael

Dukakis easily won the first prim-

ary election of the 1988 presiden-

tial campaign.

Dukakis beat his nearest rival.

Missonri Congressman

Gephardt, by 36 to 20 per cent.

Illinois Senator Simon was third

Former television evangelist

Pat Robertson, who shocked

Bush by finishing second in Iowa,

was fifth and last in the Republi-

can New Hampshire contest at

abont 10 per cent support.

Third place went to conserva-

tive New York Congressman Jack

Kemp at about 13 per cent. For-

mer Delaware governor Peter Du Pont was fourth with slightly over

WASHINGTON (R) - A senior Pakistani envoy will confer with

U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz in Washington Wednesday

about Moscow's offer to pull its

troops out of Afghanistan, the Pakistani embassy said Tuesday. Pakistani Minister of State for

Foreign Affairs Zain Noorani was

arriving in Washington Tuesday

and was due to depart on Thurs-

day, an embassy spokesman told

Soviet leader Mikhail Gor-

bachev offered last week to start

withdrawing Soviet forces from

Afghanistan on May 15 if Pakis-

tan and the Moscow-hacked

Kabul government sign a United

Nations-sponsored peace agree-

Pakistan set

for Afghan

talks with

Shultz

Reuters.

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with 17 per cent.

greatly exaggerated."

General Renato De Villa told a Philippine House of Representatives subcommittee on human rights that investigations like one it was conducting into alleged torture of rebel suspects were

confusing the military. "Whose side do you want us to protect," be asked, raising his voice in exasperation.

"What do you want us to do? just sit down?" he said. He said the house investigation into supposed abuses by soldiers "affects adversely their will to

fight and their effectiveness in pursuing their duty."
De Villa told the legislators to look instead into human-rights violations he said were commit-

ted by guerrillas.
"We respect human rights," be said repeatedly.

Democratie Front. The statement followed recent charges by Car-dinal Jaime L. Sin, archbishop of The rare emotional outburst centred on whether soldiers had Manila, that Communists had intortured some of 20 top Comfiltrated the church's social welmunist suspects captured two weeks ago after a series of raids in

Temple blast death toll rises in Sri Lanka

COLOMBO (AP) — Two more people died of injuries suffered in a grenade attack on a Hindu temple Wednesday night, raising the death toll to seven, state-run Sri Lankan Radio said.

The radio quoted hospital sources as saying two people died carly Wednesday. All the victims were Tamil Hindus, who were at the temple in southern Colombo to celebrate the Hindu Mahashivaratri festival.

unidentified assailants tossed two hand grenades into its inner chamber, witnesses said. Five people were killed instantly. At least eight others remain in the hospital with injuries.

Members of the main Tamil rebel group, the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, are suspected to be behind the attack, a police officer connected with investigations said.

The officer, who spoke on con-More than 60 people were in dition of anonymity, said the Tithe Sri Kathiresan Temple when gers attacked the temple because

members of a rival militant group, the People's Liberation Organisation of Tamil Eelam, had sought refuge there.

The Tigers, who have spearheaded a separatist guerrilla war for a Tamil homeland since 1983, often have been blamed for attacks on rival groups.

Meanwhile, Sri Lankan President Junius R. Javewardene condemned the assassination Tuesday of popular movie star and major politician Vijaya Kumaranatunga.

Britain says anti-IRA violence measures will become permanent

LONDON (R) — Britain says from the British mainland. emergency anti-terrorism measures aimed at curbing Irish Republican Army (IRA) violence will become a permanent law, despite fears that the move could further strain relations with Ire-

The Prevention of Terrorism Act, enacted in 1974 to stem a wave of IRA bombings in Britain, has been condemned by critics as an ahuse of human rights.

It allows police to hold guerrilla suspects without charge for up to seven days and exclude them British Home Secretary Doug-

las Hurd told Parliament Tuesday that the act would become a permanent feature of law and would no longer have to be redrafted every five years. But he said the act would still be reviewed annually by legislators.

The arrangement appeared to he a compromise aimed at appeasing Duhlin, and comes at a low-point in relations between Britain and Ireland.

A special relationship between Duhlin and London, based on the 1985 Anglo-Irish agreement, has

been strained by British refusal to investigate charges of a police "shoot-to-kill" policy against suspected guerrillas in the Britishruled province.

Relations have been further soured by a legal dispute that has halted the extradition of guerrilla suspects and a British court's rejection of an appeal hy six Irishmen convicted for 1974 pub bombings in Britain that promp-

ted the emergency act.
In Belfast, British and Irish ministers gave no sign of progress after meeting Tuesday in a bid to defuse tensions between their

Fighting halts during Thai-Laos peace talks

BANGKOK (R) — Fighting has stopped on the embattled Thai-Laotian border for the first time in weeks as military leaders contique to try to work out a formula for lasting peace.

On Wednesday, Laotian Military Commander General Sisavat Keoboumhan and his Thai counterpart, General Chavalit Yong-chaiyudh, met alone for 15 minutes before summoning aides for a second day of ceasefire talks at air force headquarters.

pects were good the military leaders would work out a formal agreement Wednesday to end the worst fighting in a generation between the two countries.

Thai military staff at the front said there had been no combat with Laos in the disputed 80 square kilometre-area, where northern Laos cleaves into northeastern Thailand, since the talks began Tuesday morning.

S. African police try to smash Soweto rent boycott

SOWETO, South Africa (R) - end to evictions. South African troops and police cordoned off a run-down section of Soweto township Wednesday and evicted residents taking part in a mass rent boycott which has cost the government millions of dollars.

A Reuters correspondent at the scene said at least 40 families had been evicted since Tuesday from flimsy homes in the White City area of the huge township outside Johannesburg.

It was the latest attempt by the white-led government to break the boycott, launched in mid-1986 to protest against a nationwide state of emergency aimed at controlling a wave of black unrest.

The authorities have lost hundreds of millions of dollars in unpaid rents hecause of the

boycott. On Wednesday, eyewitnesses said police wielding whips charged about 150 residents as they were marching towards the local council offices to demand an

Twelve of the marchers were arrested, while the rest dispersed as thousands of residents staved away from jobs in Johannesburg, apparently to protect their be-

Reporters were escorted by police out of White City and told not to return while the operation was under way.

Soldiers, some in armoured personnel carriers and others on motorcycles, kept watch as hlack conneil policemen, dnhhed "blackjacks," went from house to house to evict people.

As families were ordered out, valuable possessions were impounded to force people to pay the rent arrears.

The boycott in Soweto, South Africa's biggest hlack township, and other communities has deprived local authorities of their primary revenue source, forcing them to scale down essential ser-

Shultz: U.S. not at fault in Black Sea incident

MIAMI (Agencies) - U.S. incident; which has led to a Secretary of State George Shultz denied Monday the United States had provoked an incident in the Black Sea last Friday in which minor collisions occurred between two American warships and two Soviet vessels.

However, he said the American ships were in the Black Sea as part of a traditional U.S. maritime policy that has been "energised" by the Reagan administra-

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spate of diplomatic protests, told a news conference: "There is nothing provocative about asserting rights that we already have."
The two American ships, the

cruiser Yorktown and the destroyer Caron, were damaged slightly in the incidents, which 6ccurred less than 16 kilometres off the Crimean coast. There were no U.S. injuries. In a related development, the

two U.S. warships have left the Shultz, the highest-ranking Black Sea, the Pentagon said U.S. official to comment on the Tuesday.

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9 Oscar nominations for 'Emperor'

BEVERLY HILLS (AP) — "The Last Emperor," the tragic saga of China's boy emperor, captured top honours with nine nominations Wednesday for the 60th Motion Picture Academy Awards. It was followed by seven nominations for "Broadcast News," the romantic comedy of life in an American network news bureau. Following those two films, with six nominations each, were: "Empire of Sun," the Japanese invasion of China as seen through a boy's eyes; "Fatal Attraction," the chiller of a woman's revenge against a spurning lover, and "Moonstruck," the comedy of love in a volatile Italian-American family. All four except Steven Spielberg's "Empire of the Sun," were nominated as Best Picture. The fifth nominee was John Boorman's "Hope and Glory." Two-time winner Jack Nicholson won his ninth nomination as the 1930s burn in "Ironweed," and Robin Williams was nominated for Best Actor with his role as the antic disc jockey in mominated for Best Actor with his role as the antic disc jockey in "Good Morning Vietnam." Also nominated: Michael Douglas, "Wall Street"; William Hurt, "Broadcast News"; and Marcello Mastroianni, "Dark Eyes." Another double Oscar winner, Meryl Streep, won her seventh nomination for "Ironweed." Also in the Best Actress race: Cher, for "Moonstruck"; Glenn Close, "Fatal Attraction"; Holly Hunter, "Broadcast News"; and Sally Kirkland for "Anna" land for "Anna.

Downing St. suicide over unemployment

LONDON (AP) — A car burst into flames about 40 metres from British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's official residence at 10 Downing St. early Tuesday, and news reports said the driver committed suicide to protest unemployment. Press Association, the British domestic news agency, said the driver — a 41-year-old man — left a suicide note saying: "Too young to retire, too old to live." Scotland Yard would not comment on the unattributed report. Thatcher's office confirmed that Thatcher had been at 10 Downing St. at the time but was not involved in any way. Scotland Yard refused to identify the badly burned man pending an antopsy Wednesday. The London Evening Standard and Press Association identified the driver as Derek Bainbridge from Worksop in Central England, and said he gave up his job as a £75-a-week (\$131) as a road sweeper 14 months ago. Press Association quoted Bainbridge's sister, Mary Jackson, as saying he had been depressed over being unable to find work.

Qadhafi has nose operation

LONDON (R) — Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi has had an operation on his nose and left hospital Tuesday night in good health, Libyan Television said. The television, monitored by the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC), said: "Libyan doctors at the ear, nose and throat section of the Ibn Al Nafis Hospital in Tripoli carried out a successful surgical operation on the nasal passages of the brother leader of the revolution yesterday morning." The BBC Wednesday said the television showed Qadhafi wearing a mask in a hospital chair, and then shaking hands with doctors before leaving the ward. Qadhafi was "in an excellent state and in good health" on leaving hospital, Libyan

Man claims Israeli agents killed wife

LOS ANGELES (AP) - A man accused of throwing his wife off a cruise ship to her death on a honeymoon trip Tuesday claimed she was slain by Israeli secret agents in retribution for a book he wrote. The husband, Scott Robin Roston, who at first had maintained that his wife, Karen Waltz Roston, had been hlown overboard by wind while jogging Saturday, made the allegation in a statement released by his lawyer after an initial appearance in federal court here. "He feels that this murder is the result of a book he published last year in New York City in which he exposed the numerous human rights abuses which he perceived in Israel." said Roston's attorney, Paul Potter.

WEEKEND CROSSWORD

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GOREN BRIDGE

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ANSWERS TO WEEKLY ARIDGE OUTZ Q.1—As South, vulnerable, you four spaces.

hoid: ♥A983 ∜AQ74 #J1052 The bidding has proceeded: North East South West

What action do you take? A .- Because of the possible misfit. prospects for game are not very bright. However, since you are on lead against a club contract, it looks as if you might gain a substantial penalty by leading your singleton in partner's suit. Double Even if you're wrong and the opponents make their contract, no major harm will have ensued.

Q.2-Both vulnerable, as South ynu hold: •107 ∇Q93 ◇K1095432 •8 The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
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What action do you take? A .- It is quite probable that you have a slam—anytime you have a fair seven-card sult opposite an announced 25-27 points, you should be builish. Your first step is to set the trump suit, so start the process by bidding four diamonds.

. Q.3.—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold: **4Q9852** ♥A107 ♥KJ62 **46** The bidding has proceeded: South West North East Pass Pass 1 Pass

What do you bid now? A.—Don't dilly-dally. Opposite a one spade opening bid, your hand revalues to a full opening. If you use splinter blds, jump to four clubs to show your singleton; if you do not, your alternative is a leap to

Q.4-Neither vulnerable, as South Partner opens the bidding with one diamond. What do you respond?

A .- When partner opens one of a minor, your primary duty is to show a major suit, If you have one. Therefore, bld one spade, even though your suit is weak. Don't even think about one no trump. You promise no more strength with a suit response at the one-level than you do with one no trump. Q.5-Both vulnerable, as South you hold: ◆KQJ762 ∇9 5K105 ◆AK9

The bidding has proceeded: South West North East Pase 1 NT Pass What do you bid now? A .- Your hand is worth 19 points

including distribution. If partner has a minimum (6-7 points), you might not have enough for game. especially since there is an outside chance that he has a singleton spade. A invitational jump to three spades seems to fit the bill perfect-

Q.6-As South, vulnerable, you

4855 VAQJ 01083 4AQ72 Partner opens the bldding with one heart. What do you respond? A .- Even if you play five-card major opening bids, you need fourcard support to jump raise partner's suit. Since you don't have that, all you can do for the moment is make a temporizing bid of two clubs to see how the auction devel-

ment by March 15. Pakistan says it will not sign an accord unless there is prior agreement on the make-np of an interim government in Kabul.

California man kills 7 in

6-hour stalk, shooting spree SUNNYVALE, California (AP) swept through the building after the arrest, said Commander Alex plant for harassing women Michaelis of the Sunnyvale Destalked the company for six partment of Public Safety. hours, fatally shooting seven peo-ple and wounding five as terrified employees hid under desks and in offices until he surrendered, authorities said.

Among the injured was a woman who spurned his atten-. spurned him, 26-year-old entions, police said. It was not clear gineer Laura Black. When she how many of his victims the slammed an office door in his how many of his victims the gunman knew.

Richard Wade Farley, 39, of nearby San Jose walked from the sprawling two-story Esl Corp. building about 8:30 p.m. Tuesday (0430 GMT Wednesday) with his hands in the air. He was quickly surrounded by three officers and taken to the Santa Clara County

Police said the gunman took no hostages, but that many em-ployees had to hide under desks or in locked rooms. On the second floor, the gun-

man met the woman who had face. he shot her through the door, Grijalva said. He said Farley told police he shot the others because "he felt threatened by them."

Black was wounded in the shoulder, police said. Farley had worked at .Esi. as a computer software technician be-

fore he was fired two years ago The bodies of two women and after complaints that he sexually five men were found when police harassed Black

Bahamian prime minister implicated in Lehder trial

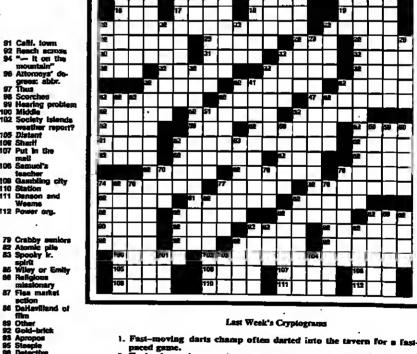
JACKSONVILLE, Florida (AP) - A marijuana smnggler testified in the trial of Carlos Lehder Rivas Tuesday that he met with Bahamian Prime Minister Lyden O. Pindling at a casino on Paradise Island in the fall of 1980, and paid him \$400,000 for protection. George W. "Bill" Baron III of . Fort Lauderdale, Florida said the

money, in a hriefcase, was paid to

protect his marijuana-smuggling

boats from Bahamian police as they sailed through the Bahama. Baron said that at the time of the meeting he was paying Pind-ling \$15 for each pound of marijuana he smuggled through the

Baron's testimony opened the 11th week in the trial of Lehder, the reputed cocaine kingpin capjust over a year ago in tured Colombia.



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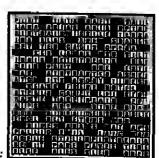
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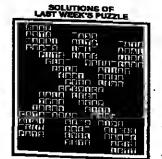
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